



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 10.25.24**

### **Scams**

\*Many residents have received scam calls this week from a male - claiming to be from our Office – often using the name Brian Lewis – stating that they had a warrant and he was demanding money, telling them they would be arrested if they didn't pay. THIS IS A SCAM, hang up.

10.21 The victim stated that he received a call from a friend of hers, who told her that she had placed money into her Venmo account on accident. The friend stated that she had someone on the phone who was helping her get it back. The victim followed the instructions, and later learned that the money from her friend ended up in someone else's hands. She stated that she was not out any money but her friend was. The victim's main concern was that she gave out a lot of her information. She had already been in contact with Venmo to remove her bank information and froze her CC.

10.21 The victim advised that she order \$2,029 worth of jewelry. She was supposed to pay UPS with a cashier's check upon drop off. She opened the package and observed a frame, some rocks, and some small decoration items that were not the jewelry she ordered. It appeared to the deputy the items in the box were not worth \$2,029. She never had a receipt of the items she ordered and the company she ordered from stated she would get a receipt in the order. The UPS driver had his boss respond to the location. UPS was going to send the package back to the sender and claim it as a refused package. Ultimately, the victim received her cashier's check back and did not lose any money.

10.22 The victim said the scam was on a site called Discord. He explained that a friend he had on Discord, threatened to mass report him due to the person's belief that he was trying to scam people on the site. He explained that mass reporting is a thing on Discord were large group of people report one person to get them kicked off the platform. The friend said that he could clear his name by getting in contact with a person named Jozsef Vass who claimed to be a Software Engineer at Discord. Jozsef then directed the victim to get three different Razor gift cards. He purchased 2 \$200 gift cards and cash for one \$200 gift card. \$600 loss. The victim was 17.

10.24 Anoka Community Page; someone was selling Vikings tickets on this page. The victim Apple Cashed payment for \$400 for the tickets. It was a fake account.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

10.18 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping at the recycling center; suspect was identified

10.20 3xxx 162 Lane NW – tracking device found on a vehicle

10.23 180xx Tamarack St NW – tools stolen from a job site; secured

10.24 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – skimmer found on credit card machine

## **Arrests**

10.22 135 Ave/Crosstown Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having too dark of a window tint. The driver said he knew his tint was too dark. Once identified, it was found out the male did not have a driver's license. He was arrested.

10.23 14xxx Woodbine St NW – Warrant Arrest; Isanti County put out a request to locate a male who was in violation of a no contact order in their county. A deputy went to his home and he was arrested.

10.24 45xx 165 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported a suspicious vehicle and a deputy went to check it out. He located a vehicle with Florida plates and made contact. The male identified himself and deputies learned he had a warrant. When arresting him, they found white powder in an envelope. The male said it was sugar for his diabetes. It tested positive for cocaine. He claimed he was having a seizure. An ambulance came and checked him out. He was eventually brought to the jail.

## **Bethel**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Bethel this week.

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

10.24 35W/Main St – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; a caller reported a woman at the business leaving and she was extremely intoxicated. Deputies located her driving and stopped her for poor driving conduct. When asked if she had been drinking, she said no. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .20 Charges were elevated due to alcohol content and a prior DWI.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

10.18 2xx Elm Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a woman with a felony warrant out of Hennepin County. He made contact with the homeowner and he called the woman outside where she was arrested.

10.19 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest x 2; a deputy knew a male and a female, whom both had warrants, sometimes crashed at the address. He went to the location and spoke to the homeowner who stated they were both there sleeping. The homeowner asked them to come outside, they did. They were both arrested.

10.22 9xx 189 Ave NE – Property Damage; deputies were called to a client damaging property at the location. After investigating, one female client was arrested.

10.24 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies were called to a resident who stabbed a staff member. The suspect was immediately put into handcuffs and arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Ham Lake this week.

## **Linwood**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Linwood this week.

## Nowthen

### Thefts & Damage to Property

10.21 90xx 190 Ave NW – theft of an enclosed trailer on the property; lock cut on tongue

10.22 198xx Nowthen Blvd NW – illegal dumping at recycling center; suspect identified

### Arrests

10.19 81xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving a vehicle and he knew he didn't have a license. He stopped the driver who said he knew he shouldn't be driving. The male also had a warrant. He was arrested.

10.20 St Francis Blvd/Cleary Rd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy was called to a vehicle crash. While speaking to those involved, one male smelled like alcohol and agreed to take the field sobriety tests. He failed. He was arrested. .13

10.20 200xx Iguana St NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies were responding to a male at the location threatening to "kill" the caller. Deputies arrived and the suspect began fighting with deputies. Eventually he was removed from the vehicle. Medical personal refused to check out the male unless he was sedated. He was checked out and he was fine. He was arrested.

10.20 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a large fight between clients at the location. The incident was caught on video. Two of the clients were arrested.

## Oak Grove

### Thefts & Damage to Property

10.21 226xx Holly St NW – theft of license plate from a vehicle

### Arrests

10.20 30xx 207 Av NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a call where a client was fighting with other clients and staff. Deputies arrived and got the situation under control. One client was arrested.

10.24 21xxx Butternut St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to physical altercation between an ex-girlfriend/girlfriend. One female had fled from the scene. After investigating, it was determined she would be arrested. She returned to the home and was taken into custody.

***\*Information shared in this report covers crimes that may affect you - things like burglaries, thefts, damage to property, identity theft, etc. We only include a fraction of the calls that deputies regularly respond to.***

***If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to [www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.***