



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.01.24

Scams

10.25 The victim reported a theft of a pair of shoes by a male he was meeting at the park to sell them to. The victim reported he knows the suspect but does not know his real name. The victim said he was meeting a male known as Mani. The victim communicates with Mani through his email and was meeting him to sell a pair of Balenciaga running shoes. The shoes retail between \$1,000-\$1,500. The victim and suspect met at the park and the victim had sold items to him before. He handed Mani the shoes to try on, and once Mani put them on he ran away from the location without paying. The victim believes the suspect lives in the area as he always arrives on foot. A photo of the suspect was located and the investigation continues.

10.26 The caller reported receiving a package addressed to her. Inside the package was a coffee spoon. The package was addressed to her and had QR code stickers on it. There were instructions to scan the QR codes. She read online this was a scam meant to gain personal information from a cell phone once the QR codes were scanned. There was no return information on the package. She wanted to report the incident and threw the package in the trash.

10.26 x2 The victim received a message from an unknown number stating that if he does not send \$1000 in Bitcoin, he will leak nude photos of him. The victim stated that the caller said they are a part of the FBI and that he must comply with the demands. The victim was advised it is a scam.

10.28 The victim received an email from efrainreeves09@gmail.com. The email advised her that they had all of her personal information including explicit videos and pictures that they captured from her webcam and threatened to leak everything unless she sent \$2000 through Bitcoin. She stated she did not send any money and ignored the email.

10.28 The caller explained to me that someone had called her claiming to be a bank. She stated that they were able to help her navigate through a website and tricked her into sending them money. She stated this happened 2 weeks ago and she lost \$1500. She has been watching her accounts, and has not lost any more money. Her bank is aware of the situation and has been helping her.

10.29 The victim stated she received a Verizon phone bill for a cell phone and cell phone plan which had been purchased using her name and without her knowledge. She stated that she had received a bill from Verizon stating that she was required to pay \$155 by November 7th for a cell phone plan and an iPhone 13 Pro Max which was purchased in her name and using the number 651-302-6977. She stated that the bill indicated that the services for the phone had begun on October 16th. She did not indicate how the phone and plan were purchased or if the transaction had occurred at a physical location where someone had used her identity.

10.29 The victim reported that someone has been using her personal information to access her online banking information to gain access to her accounts. The suspect also created a fake driver's

license to attempt to gain access to her accounts at branch locations in Kentucky. She reported that on 10/26 at 1802 hours, she received an email from US Bank saying that the email address and password associated with her business checking accounts had been changed. She also reported that a Zelle account had been created that was connected to her and her husband's personal checking account. Then on 10/26, a deposit of 1 cent was made into her and her husband's joint checking account. On 10/28 she put holds on all bank accounts that are associated in her and her husband's name. On 10/29 she received a phone call from US Bank asking if she was in Kentucky. The US Bank branch in Mayfield KY said a female used a driver's license with her information to attempt to draw cash from the account. This attempt was denied. She says she has physical control of her Minnesota driver's license. The person she spoke with believed law enforcement took the female into custody but he could not confirm this. Follow-up required.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 10.25 143xx Juniper St NW – theft of package from steps; suspect seen on camera
- 10.27 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – headphones stolen out of an unsecured locker
- 10.28 178xx Aztec St NW – vandalism; rear view mirrors ripped off vehicle in the driveway
- 10.31 135xx Narcissus St NW – two vehicles rummaged through overnight; unsecured

Arrests

- 10.27 5xx 140 Lane NW – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a driver had hit his trailer. The deputy responded and spoke to those involved. The driver of the vehicle was stumbling around and appeared impaired. The driver stated he had “not much” to drink. He is also 19. Field sobriety tests were failed. He PBT’d .237 but refused the formal test. He was arrested.
- 10.28 Hanson Blvd/181 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for a stop sign violation. When she made contact, the driver appeared impaired. The driver stated he had a couple beers and smoked a joint 45 minutes prior. Field sobriety test were failed. He was arrested. .105
- 10.29 34xx 134 Ave NW – Damage to Property; deputies responded to a car of people shooting at another vehicle where a back window was shattered. Deputies arrived, stopped a fleeing vehicle, and saw the gun that they recognized as a BB gun. The suspect had the gun and pellets in his hand and he was detained. It turned out to be “friends” having a BB gun “war.” Parents were called to the scene to retrieve their children. One juvenile male was charged because he admitted to firing the BB gun at the vehicle and shooting out the back window.
- 10.31 Northdale/Riverdale Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and it showed the vehicle owner had multiple warrants. He stopped the vehicle. None of the occupants spoke English so the language line was used. No one had a driver’s license. The warrants out of Washington County were confirmed and the driver was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

- 11.01 Lake Dr/West Freeway Dr NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a driver hit and run over a curb. He stopped the driver. He smelled alcohol. The driver said he was going a little fast in the roundabout. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .177

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 10.30 193xx Leyte St NE – illegal dumping on private property
- 10.30 243xx Hwy 65 NE – theft from unsecured shed; propane tank, crossbow

Arrests

10.28 3xx Dogwood Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went looking for a male with an outstanding felony warrant that may be in the area. He was located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 10.26 160xx Polk St NE – theft of a trailer from the property; it was located next day abandoned
- 10.26 11xx McKay Dr NE – theft of a golf cart from the property; victim still has the keys
- 10.27 26xx 16 Lane NE – theft of a vehicle from a driveway; unsure if keys were in it
- 10.29 35xx 149 Lane NE – theft of mail; two birthday cards containing cash taken

Arrests

10.28 Lexington/152 Lane NE – No Driver's License, Warrant; a deputy observed an RV parked at the location and he knew the driver did not have a license. When the RV left the lot, the deputy stopped it. The male was identified. He also had a warrant. He was arrested. A deputy brought his cat in the RV to the suspects brother's house.

10.30 13660 Hwy 65 NE – No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate and the driver had a suspended license. He stopped the vehicle and the driver's identity was confirmed. The driver stated he knew he shouldn't be driving but needed some chewing tobacco. He was arrested. The plates were already impounded due to a recent DWI arrest.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 10.28 67xx 185 Ave NW – lock cut on fence that protects stored vehicles; nothing stolen

Oak Grove

Burglaries

- 10.28 44xx Viking Blvd NW – entry gained to business; 4 juvenile suspects caught
- 10.28 31xx 191 Ave NW – theft of political sign from the yard

Arrests

10.25 208 Lane/Nightingale St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because his trailer lights were not working. When identified, the male did not have a driver's license, but he had a warrant. He was arrested.

10.25 3xx 213 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because a male at the location had a warrant. The deputy observed the male backing out of the driveway and stopped him. He was identified and arrested.

10.26 18100 Block Rum River Blvd NW – Warrant; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having a front license plate. The driver was identified and he didn't have a license, but he did have a warrant. He was arrested.

****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.***

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