



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.15.24

Scams

11.08 The victim reported she received a phone call in which a female voice was heard on the phone crying. When she asked who it was, the female said "I'm your daughter" but never actually said her own name. The victim asked other questions, but the line was silent then a male's voice was heard who said he was Peter Garcia and was a paramedic handling the situation with the daughter. Nobody on the phone ever would specifically say the daughter's name. When the male's voice asked the victim to confirm her daughter's name, which she provided. The male said yes that's who is with me and then the line went dead. The victim called her daughter and confirmed there were no issues.

11.12 x2 The victim that she received a phone call from a person that claimed to be Sgt. Hunt from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. She explained that they were pretty detailed with the scam and even called from a number that is linked to the Sheriff's Office (763) 324-5000. She advised me that they were giving her citation numbers and other numbers, stating that she could get out of the issues by paying fines or coming into the office.

11.13 A mother reported her adult son resides with her and she found out he had been in contact with a scammer claiming to be a representative of the Publisher's Clearing House and tricked him into sending money by claiming he had won a large prize amount, but needed to pay a fee via gift card to collect it. She stated he sent this person thousands of dollars using the app Zangi. She stated she told him this was a scam and drove down to their bank and had the transactions reported as fraud.

11.13 The victim reported that about a week ago she was contacted by a male that identified himself as "James Campbell." He told her that she had won a Publisher's Clearing house prize. The prize included two new Ford trucks and \$18.5 million dollars. He told her that she just had to pay the taxes and other fees. She was directed to purchase Amazon gift cards and relay the card numbers to him. She did as directed and was constantly contacted for more gift cards. She bought cards until she could not get any more money. She did not have complete amount of loss from credit cards, checking account or loan she took from life insurance policy. The amount was about \$10K, with at least several thousands of dollars from her checking account.

11.13 A daughter stated that her father noticed a virus notification pop up on his computer with a link to a company that was able to get the virus off the computer. He contacted the company "PYQUEAV". The company told him that it would cost \$119 to get the virus removed from the computer. He paid \$119 with his credit card. He then started to receive more phone calls from different numbers - approximately 48 phone calls. The people then told him to go to Target and get \$300 dollars in Target gift cards, which he did. He read off the gift card numbers to the people. He was told while they were "removing" the virus, to open his bank account on his computer because they accidentally transferred \$20K into his account. The people asked him to transfer the \$20K back to them which he did. While this was happening, the people told him to shut his computer off and not to tell anyone or they would take all his money. They then told the victim to go to the "Go For It" gas

station and transfer \$7K bitcoin to them. He was unable to drive there so he did not make the transaction.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.09 145xx Drake St NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; backpack, Chromebook

11.14 133xx Jay St NW – vandalism to mailbox

Arrests

11.08 Andover Blvd/Xeon St NW – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired and stated she had a couple glasses of wine. Field sobriety tests were failed and she was arrested. .12

11.09 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver going 54 in a 45. The driver appeared impaired and had a hard time finding her driver's license. She stated she had only one drink. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .143

11.09 Round Lake/139 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a male get into a vehicle and he was stumbling. He followed the driver and stopped him for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the male appeared impaired and began sobbing. When asked if he had anything to drink, he stated a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were stopped for the safety of the driver. He was arrested. .08

11.09 Bunker Lake/Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver because he was traveling the wrong way on Round Lake. The driver appeared drunk and would just mumble. He also gave the deputy a credit card instead of his driver's license. When asked how much he had drank, he stated two bottles. Field sobriety tests were failed. The language line was accessed, but he refused to do the official breath test. He was arrested.

11.10 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – Weapons; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 55/45. The driver was identified, and he appeared impaired. The driver dropped his phone so when he opened the door, the deputy viewed a handgun in door's pocket. Another deputy was called to assist. The male was not legally drunk .054 but the male was not legally allowed to carry a weapon. He was arrested.

11.11 Hanson/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for driving too slow, having a taillight out and expired tabs. As he was following the vehicle to stop it at a safe location, he learned the driver was revoked. When he made contact, he smelled marijuana. The driver stated he had smoked about two hours prior. Field sobriety tests were failed. A warrant for blood was obtained. Charges were elevated due to the driver only being 19 and having his 15 year old brother with him.

11.12 148/Kinnet St NW – DWI 4th degree; a caller reported a male smoking marijuana in his vehicle while sitting at the drive-thru window. A deputy located the male and stopped him; he appeared high. When asked he stated he did not smoke. Field sobriety tests were failed. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested.

11.13 Bunker/Sycamore St NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing a stop sign. When he made contact with the driver he smelled alcohol and the driver stated he had a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .08

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.12 238xx Dewey St NW – gas siphoned out of buses over the weekend at the location

Columbus

Arrests

11.08 154xx Hornsby St NE – Apprehend and Hold; a deputy was at the travel stop when he came across a vehicle with an “apprehend and hold” order out of Hastings for a male. The male in the vehicle was identified and arrested. His custody was transferred to Hasting PD.

11.10 Lake Dr/145 Ave NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a driver go into the ditch and come out. He stopped the vehicle to check to make sure the male was okay. He appeared impaired. The deputy smelled marijuana and asked the driver if he had smoked recently, and he said yes. Field sobriety tests were failed. The male then admitted to drinking too. He was arrested. .09

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.13 190xx Jackson St NE – theft of the church’s pop can trailer from the parking lot

Arrests

11.09 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault x2; deputies responded to a call of a client assaulting a worker. They arrived and got the situation under control. The client fought deputies. She was arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

11.09 1400 Block 157 Ave NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having a headlight out and expired tabs. The driver stated he was unaware of his tabs being expired. The deputy smelled alcohol and the driver stated he had one beer. Field sobriety tests were failed. .118 He was arrested. Open alcohol containers were found in the vehicle so the charges were elevated.

11.09 Central/133 Lane NE – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle; deputies went to the location to look for a male who had a KOPS alert out of Sherburne County. They located him in a parking lot and when he saw the squads he started to flee. A deputy was able to safely PIT the vehicle. He was arrested and given to Sherburne County.

11.09 7xx 169 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because he knew a male with a felony arrest warrant out of Hennepin County was there. The homeowner (suspect’s father) refused to let deputies in. Deputies explained the level of warrant allowed them to enter. The suspect eventually came out and was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.08 67xx 213 Ave NW – a tire was slashed on a vehicle; victim w/permission was hunting nearby

Oak Grove

Arrests

11.11 6xx Sims Rd NW – DWI 2nd degree; deputies were responding to a call of a possible burglary. When they arrived, they located three suspicious males in a vehicle. They were identified and all appeared drunk. The driver was asked to provide a PBT which he refused. The driver was uncooperative and fought with deputies. He was arrested. .16

**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 and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.