



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.17.23

Scams

11.09 The victim advised that she has been in contact with someone for the last few weeks that told her his name was Mark Williams and that he worked with her bank. She said that around Oct. 18th she opened her computer and saw a message on the bottom that said her bank account was compromised. She said that there was a phone number with this notification that told her to call to save her bank account. The person on the other end of the line was a phone scammer and they convinced her to send them \$40,000 through Bitcoin to "save her bank account." She said the number that she has been in contact with primarily has been 646-995-2501. He convinced her that she had to transfer her money to a different account in a specific way to save her account. She has receipts from the machine that she was able to insert cash into and buy Bitcoin. The suspect then walked her through the way to transfer it to a different account. She advised that she talked with her bank and they said they could not reimburse her because she transferred the money voluntarily. I told her there is not much that we can do as law enforcement in situations like these. She told me that she figured that she would not get the money back but hoped that filing a police report would help bring awareness to the scams out there.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.09 139xx Silverod St NW – stolen vehicle located inside the garage at the residence

Arrests

11.10 133xx Narcissus St NW – Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic that was called in by a third party not on site. Deputies investigated and the boyfriend was arrested.

11.11 Round Lake/135 Ave NW – Underage Drink and Drive; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact he smelled marijuana and the driver appeared impaired. She stated she had smoked MJ about an hour prior. Field sobriety tests were failed. She stated he hadn't drank anything but blew a .137. She was arrested.

11.14 159xx Swallow St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. After investigating, the wife was arrested.

11.15 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a driver going the wrong way on a one-way road. He stopped the vehicle. When asked why he did that, the driver stated to "save time." The driver appeared impaired. He also had a warrant. Field sobriety tests were offered but the driver preferred to just "blow" – he blew a .147. He was arrested.

11.15 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; a deputy was called to a male who had shoplifted some trading cards. He also had warrants out of Hennepin County for theft. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.09 90xx Howard Lake Dr NE – multiple mailboxes destroyed by a vehicle

Arrests

11.11 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant, Trespass; RA called deputies due to a male who had been trespassed prior and was back. While on their way, deputies learned the male had multiple warrants. He was located and arrested.

11.12 Broadway/Potomac St NE – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle; deputies attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding and it speed away. The pursuit was terminated. The deputy kept traveling in the direction the suspect vehicle was heading. The vehicle was going too fast and went right through the middle of a roundabout. A male ran from the vehicle and the deputy was able to locate him hiding in a backyard. The suspect was 14 and he and his friend took a vehicle without permission for a high-speed joy ride. A juvenile contact form was completed for both and they were returned to their guardian.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.11 196xx Taylor St NE – a vehicle was abandoned in the roadway; it had no engine

Arrests

11.11 2100 Block Hwy 65 NE – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired and stated she had drinks earlier in the evening. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .13

11.12 217 Ave/University Ave – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle, DWI; a deputy was sitting doing paperwork when a vehicle's headlights hit the side of his squad car and the vehicle sped up, blowing a 4-way stop. The deputy turned on the vehicle and attempted to stop it to see what the heck was going on. When the deputy was in position to PIT the vehicle, it stopped and the occupants were taken out at gunpoint. The driver appeared heavily intoxicated. The driver stated he had smoked marijuana earlier. A warrant for blood was obtained. Charges were elevated due to fleeing and prior DWI convictions. He was arrested.

11.14 225xx London St NE – Stalking; deputies were called to a male who was looking into a juvenile female's room. Deputies arrived, and with the help of neighbors, located the male in the woods. He was arrested. The victim knew the male but did not have a current relationship with him. This is not a stranger incident.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

11.16 42xx 149 Ave NE – no forced entry, copper tubing stolen from construction site

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.15 137xx Johnson St NE – enclosed trailer at jobsite pried open; nothing stolen

11.15 138xx Johnson St NE – 2 vehicles at business forced entry into, drilled ignition, nothing stolen

Arrests

11.09 14xx Flamingo Dr NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a family fight involving two males and one female. After investigating, the two males were arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Burglaries

11.11 81xx Viking Blvd NW – business; forced entry, cut power, entered business, stole safe

Arrests

11.14 84xx 211 Ave NW – No Contact Violation; a caller reported seeing a male on a trail camera lurking. The woman at the location has a no contact order against the male. Deputies arrived and searched the property. They located the male hiding in an outbuilding. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Arrests

11.11 19700 Block Rum River Blvd NW – DWI 2nd degree, Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for stopping the in middle of the intersection instead of back by the sign. The driver appeared impaired and kept burping. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .321 She refused to take the official DMI test.

****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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