



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.22.24

Scams

11.18 Fake Rental on Facebook Marketplace. The victim spoke to the person who made the post and set up a time to view the property. She arrived at the property and the male said he would not be coming, but that she needed to download the Opendoor app to get a code to enter the house. There was an Opendoor sign in the front yard of the house. She did this but it did not work, and she was not able to get into the house. The male told her to walk around the property and he would schedule a time for a locksmith to let her in. She told the male she wanted to rent the house and that she would proceed with a rental application. She completed the application and sent a \$75 application fee via her Chime card. She said the male returned an approval letter with a move-in date of 11/19/2024, and requested she send \$800 as a rental deposit prior to signing the lease. She sent \$800. Her card would not work and the male advised she can pay in Apple gift cards. She began to believe this was a scam, so she contacted Opendoor about the rental property. They advised her this home was for sale and was not to be rented. Opendoor does not handle rental properties. The victim is concerned because the male also has her SSN which she put on the rental application.

11.20 Facebook: The victim stated he was locked out of his Facebook account and needed to enter his MN Driver's License Number to get in. When he entered his MN DL number, he was unable to enter his account. He then googled the Facebook help number and called 888-682-6808. He stated that the person who picked up never identified themselves. He stated that the other person stated that his account had been accessed from multiple different IP addresses and that his credit cards had purchased child pornography. When the other individual started asking him about what cards were used and to verify the card numbers, he became suspicious and ended the contact. There was no monetary loss at this time.

11.21 Facebook Marketplace: The victim found a front end loader on FBM that he was trying to buy. He saw video of the machine, got a bill of sale and looked at the history of the equipment by vin number. He wired \$41,035 to purchase the equipment. The seller identified himself as Theo Jackson from an address in MO. The equipment was supposed to be delivered on 11/20/24 and then was pushed back to 11/21/24. Theo kept making excuses for why it couldn't be delivered. The address that Theo is using looks like a small building at a golf club. Theo's phone number does not seem to be working anymore and the victim can't make contact with Theo. I explained how people get information on equipment and are really good at making it seem like a real transaction.

Andover Burglaries

11.15 20xx 161 Ave NW – attempted; forced, split door frame, dog started barking, juvenile @ home

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.19 152xx Swallow St NW – vandalism; three juveniles with masks on caught on camera damaging the front storm door with a baseball bat, a window on a vehicle was also shattered

Arrests

11.15 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a juvenile assaulting another juvenile in the store. When they arrived, the suspect fled. She was located at her home but her mother would not let deputies talk to her. She will be charged by citation. The incident was captured on store cameras.

11.18 Crane St/133 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because she knew he had a warrant. He stated he thought the warrant was cleared up but it wasn't. He was arrested.

11.19 168xx Argon St NW – Felon in Possession of a Firearm; deputies were investigating a call of rapid gunshots. Through the investigation they learned a male who was a felon was shooting at the location. Deputies observed him leave the area and stopped him. He was arrested.

11.20 1900 Crosstown Blvd NW – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy observed a running vehicle sitting in the parking lot of a closed park. He stopped and made contact. The male smelled of alcohol and said he stopped to go to the bathroom. When the deputy asked when the last time he drank, he said "9 years ago." Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .151 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

Bethel

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

Columbus

11.20 at 4:26 pm deputies and the Minneapolis Bomb Squad responded to a report of a bombs being placed around Running Aces. The building was cleared and the threat not valid.

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.21 62xx 141 Ave NE – theft of Amazon package

Arrests

11.19 35W/Lake Drive NE - Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because their break lights weren't working. The driver immediately stated he did not have a license. The driver was issued a citation. The passenger was acting oddly and did not have any identification. The deputy was able to figure out who the male was, and he had two felony 2nd degree drug warrants out of Ramsey County and a felony probation warrant out of Redwood County. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

11.15 19xx 209 Ave NE – DWI 3rd degree; deputies were responding to a domestic where dispatch heard a woman screaming in the background. While in route, they learned that she had left the location in a vehicle. She was located by a responding deputy and stopped. She appeared impaired and field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained. She was arrested. .14

11.16 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a client assaulting a staff member. The situation was gotten under control and the client was arrested.

11.17 208xx Eveleth St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a physical altercation between extended family members. The suspect fled into the woods. He was located and arrested.

11.17 241xx Pierce St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male working on his truck and knew he had a warrant. The deputy stopped and the male was arrested.

11.18 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies were called to a physical altercation between clients. One female was arrested.

11.18 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male he knew had warrants leaving his home. He stopped the vehicle, identified the driver and he was arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

11.15 13xx 187 Lane NE – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle; suspects fled deputies in a vehicle that was stolen. They caused a crash injuring another driver. Deputies arrested the driver and released the other occupants.

11.17 2400 Block Crosstown – No DL, Warrant; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. He didn't have a driver's license and was issued a citation. The other person in the vehicle had a warrant and he was arrested.

11.21 16600 Block Hwy 65 NE – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired. When asked for his license, he handed the deputy his bank card. The first sobriety test was failed and the driver agreed to give a breath sample. He blew .20 He was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

11.20 240xx Taurus St NE – DWI 3rd degree; the State Patrol requested we check on a male whose cell phone was pinging in the area. A deputy arrived and located the male sitting in his running truck. He appeared impaired. When asked if he had been drinking, he stated yes, one beer. Fields sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .208 Charges were elevated due to two prior DWI's.

Nowthen

Arrests

11.19 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a client assaulting staff and other clients. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Burglaries

11.17 22xx 229 Ave NW – broke windows, door, and sprayed graffiti inside of unoccupied home

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.16 24xx S Lake George Dr NW – a side garage window was shot out

Arrests

11.21 Sims Rd/Vale St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were sitting on a home in the area looking for a male with a felony drug warrant. They saw him leave the home in a vehicle. He was stopped and arrested.

11.21 St Francis Blvd/Norris Lake Rd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol. The driver stated she was on her way to work. He asked if she had been drinking and she stated yes a “few glasses of wine.” Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .14

****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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