



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.29.23

Scams

12.21 The victim reported that she was on her computer and she received a pop-up message that told her to call 855-777-3929, because her computer had been compromised. She called and spoke to two separate people. One of the people went by the name "Alison". The victim was convinced to purchase \$5000 worth of gift cards and then provide the card information to the people on the phone. She advised they were communicating through "Any Desk" on the computer. Microsoft was contacted and advised it was not them, and that it was fraud.

12.28 The victim stated she had \$473,000 stolen. She was closing on a house in Coon Rapids and the relator she was working with had an email of XXX in which they were communicating through. She received an email from an address very similar, but not the same, however she did not notice right away. She explained that the person using the fake email was informing her how to wire the money and gave her the information over email. The money was sent and when she called her realtor, they informed her they had never received the payment. She contacted her bank to stop the payment and to report it as fraud. The payment is currently being held, and she was informed she needs to have her bank call them to return the money. She did not trust the credit union, and I verified with a representative over the phone this was legit. They informed me that someone who banks through them was the person who initiated the transaction to receive the victim's money and they are investigating.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.21 1xx 139 Ave NW – purse stolen from vehicle; \$9700 withdrawn from her bank account

12.23 152xx Bluebird St NW – recovered stolen vehicle, ignition punched, two males seen running from the scene but they were not located

12.26 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – unattended bag left while skating was stolen

Arrests

12.21 Bunker/Xavis St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a female riding a bike and knew she had a warrant. The warrant was confirmed and she was arrested.

12.28 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting/Drugs; deputies responded to the business for a shoplifter. While speaking with him, he was agitated and stated he had taken drugs. An ambulance checked him out, and he was fine. Fentanyl was found on him. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.21 139xx Lake Dr NE – skid steer and a leaf blower stolen from unsecured shed

Arrests

12.21 191 Ave/Vassar St NE – DWI 4th degree – 6:15 am – a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in front of their driveway running. When the deputy arrived, the vehicle had left. It was located nearby and stopped. The driver was wet and full of leaves and not dressed for the weather and she smelled of pond water. Her rear tire was also shredded. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .12

12.26 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was at the location and had a felony warrant out of Washington County. He was located and arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

12.22 Hwy 65/Klondike Dr NE – DWI 4th degree – 10:01 pm – a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 93/65. He stopped the driver. The driver smelled like alcohol and stated he had three drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .12

12.26 236xx Monroe St NE – DWI 2nd degree – 3:41 pm – a woman called stating a female was in the process of ramming her vehicle. Deputies arrived and they observed a vehicle with substantial damage and approached the home. When they looked inside the home they observed a female yelling at a male with a child in a car seat. Everyone was separated. The woman yelling at the male appeared to be intoxicated and was the one who rammed the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .206 Charges were elevated because of a child in the vehicle, and felony damage to property.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.26 158xx Central Ave NE – unsecured trailer stolen from behind a business

Arrests

12.23 176xx Central Ave NE – Disorderly Conduct, Brawling; deputies were called to a fight at a business. The deputy took over restraining the male from security. He was belligerent and continued to fight. Eventually he was arrested but demanded an ambulance. He was fine but requested to be transferred to Regions. Being his charge could be handled by citation and court, he was released to the ambulance crew to be taken to the hospital.

12.23 133xx Leyte St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The wife was arrested.

12.25 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was called to check on a male out in the rain on a bike. He was located and identified. He stated he was homeless and try to get to his family. His identity was confirmed and he had seven warrants. He was arrested.

12.28 Crosstown/Polk St NE – Criminal Vehicular Operation – 5:19 pm – deputies responded to a two-vehicle personal injury crash. When they arrived, one of the driver's appeared impaired and

stated he had been drinking. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .283 One adult and three children were transported to the hospital. A warrant for legal blood was obtained.

12.28 4200 Block Crosstown Blvd NE – DWI Refusal – 8:03 pm – a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 80/55. He made contact with the driver who appeared impaired and stated she had a couple drinks at a Christmas party. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .168

Linwood

Arrests

12.24 76xx S Orinoco Circle NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between siblings, one being the aggressor. He was arrested.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.21 83xx 181 Ave NW – illegal dumping on private property

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.26 193xx Tamarack St NW – forced entry to construction site; Dewalt radio stolen

Arrests

12.26 Wintergreen/229 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree – 7:12 pm – deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash. One person involved stated he thought the guy that hit him was drunk. Deputies smelled alcohol and asked the male if he had been drinking. He stated yes, three drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .11

12.27 Orchid/198 Ave NW – Disorderly Conduct; a deputy located a male who had been calling 911 and threatening the lives of the dispatchers who answer the phone. It wasn't the first time this male had done this. Deputies tried to explain he needed to stop, he didn't listen, he got belligerent and combative and 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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