



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.11.20

With more people spending time on computers and making purchases – I thought I would share these two scams that happened this week.

On 12/04/2020 at 0921 hours I was dispatched a phone call fraud report. The reporting party advised on 12/03/2020 she was using her computer to grocery shop. She advised that a pop-up appeared on her screen that stated she had malware on the computer. She clicked on the ad and was directed to call Microsoft on 1(800) 544-2943. She called the number and stated a man with an accent named "David Wilson" helped her navigate through the problem. She stated that David gave her a Microsoft case #IT9291. "David" then advised her that he was going to secure a line and transfer her to TCF bank. She then spoke with "Roger" from the fraud department of TCF bank. She advised that "Roger" already knew all of her banking information. "Roger," told her there was a pending charge on her accounts for \$5,000 on a child pornography website. "Roger" stated to get her money back she will need to purchase Security gift cards. The victim then went to Dollar General off Viking Blvd NE and Target in Forest lake. She purchased 8 cards with \$500 on each card. She provided "Roger" with the card information. The victim then stated that the cards were drained of funds at a Target and Best Buy in Burbank, IL. The victim spoke with both stores and will be emailing the receipts and any more information that she receives.

The victim called to report a scam. She said that she received an email saying she needed to pay for another year of computer security so she called the number and ended up giving her bank account info to the caller. She said that they then tried to get her to get gift cards but she refused. She said that they froze up her computer and took close to \$4000 that she had in her account. I told her to call her bank first and then call me back. She called back later and said that her bank helped her with the money and it was back in her account. She said that she rebooted her computer and it seemed to be working now.

Andover Burglaries

- 12.07 7xx 141 Ave NW – attempted; suspect entered the home by taking the garage door opener from a vehicle in the driveway – barking dog scared them off – 3 juveniles on foot seen in the area
- 12.07 7xx 141 Ave NW – attempted; same as above – about 4 am
- 12.07 4xx 144 Lane NW – attempted; same as above – purse taken
- 12.07 13xx 141 Lane NW – purse stolen in burglary above located; wallet missing, CC used

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.04 33xx 143 Ave NW – computer security scam over phone; seized victim's banking account
- 12.05 19xx 139 Av NW – theft of packages from the front step
- 12.07 142xx Flamingo St NW – remote stolen from vehicle left "warming-up"; vehicles gone through
- 12.07 141xx Vale St NW – remote stolen from vehicle, open garage, went through vehicle in garage
- 12.07 12xx 141 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle overnight
- 12.07 10xx 142 Ave NW – theft of garage door opener from unlocked vehicle; garage opened
- 12.07 160xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping
- 12.07 34xx 153 Ave NW – theft of mail; checks and SS documents were taken
- 12.07 7xx 141 Ave NW – theft of garage door opener, cash, credit cards from unlocked vehicle
- 12.07 Andover/Prairie Rd NW – purse found in the ditch; no identifying information found
- 12.08 158xx Round Lake Blvd NW – vehicle stolen from driveway; victim still has keys

12.10 699 141 Ave NW – theft from unlocked vehicle in driveway; change
12.10 23xx 139 Ave NW – grandparent scam; grandson was in a crash and needed to pay medical bills – Grandma transferred \$8500 – she called grandson who said he was fine and canceled transfer

Arrests

12.08 164/Jonquil St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle call. He identified the driver and he was found to be revoked with warrants. He was arrested.

12.08 133xx Hanson Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a juvenile came to our office and turned himself in on a warrant. He was arrested and transported to Lino Lakes Detention Center.

12.09 161 Ave/Crosstown Blvd NW – Stolen Vehicle; deputies responded to a crash at the location. One of the people involved had fled the scene. Through investigation it was discovered the male that fled had stolen that vehicle in Andover. A K9 track was conducted and the male was located and arrested.

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.10 1xx Main St NW – theft of vehicle; victim was in jail when it happened, keys not in it

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.04 77xx 165 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle; wallet

12.05 54xx 185 Court NE – steering column on unlocked vehicle was damaged

12.07 Pine/Jordell St NE – illegal dumping

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.04 182xx Antler Circle NE – grandparent scam; said he was in jail and needed bail

12.04 1xx Juniper Rd NE – ATV stolen out of yard; unsecured

12.08 243xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of package from mailbox

12.08 182xx Greenbrook Dr NE – pole barn door pried open; nothing taken

12.10 17xx 207 Lane NE – phone call scam posing as debt collectors; \$300 loss

Arrests

12.04 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy responded to the location for a disorderly male at the residence. The male was identified and it was learned he had multiple warrants. He was arrested.

12.05 47xx 224 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a delayed report of a fight between family members. One male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.05 38xx 149 Ave NE – windows broken out of a junked vehicle

12.05 10xx McKay Dr NE – attempted to steal toolbox from the back of a pick-up

12.05 177xx National St NE – theft of plate from a vehicle; plate located on stolen vehicle in Chisago

12.06 134xx Hwy 65 NE – vandalism; damage to a garage door, pushed in

12.06 40xx Heather Dr NE – theft from shed; victim caught suspect in shed and he ran

- 12.07 143xx Washington St NE – theft form unlocked vehicle; change, cigarettes, garage opener
- 12.07 134xx Van Buren St NE – SS scam; called from 209.736.5635
- 12.08 155xx Central Ave NE – unsecured sink stolen from worksite
- 12.08 150xx Durant St NE – theft of mail from mailboxes in the area
- 12.08 24xx 169 Ave – theft of mail and packages from mailbox
- 12.08 16xx Deerwood Dr NE – theft of mail; checks taken
- 12.09 141xx Davenport St NE – wires on Christmas lights in the yard cut
- 12.10 134xx Hwy 65 NE – business; thieves going through customer vehicles at location

Arrests

- 12.09 46xx Lexington Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies and the Drug Task Force went to the location to serve a warrant on a female with multiple drug warrants. She was located and arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.04 217xx Viking Blvd NE – Microsoft pop-up scam; loss \$5000
- 12.05 227xx Boyne St NE – snapchat scam on Cash App; friend's acct. hacked, requested \$500

Nowthen

Burglaries

- 12.09 184xx Krypton St NW – forced entry into pole barn; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.07 81xx Viking Blvd NW – a vehicle that was left running while they went into the store quickly and his stolen from the parking lot

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.05 32xx 191 Lane NW – an unsecured trailer stolen from the location; it was found close by
- 12.05 206xx Rum River Blvd NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle
- 12.08 182xx Dahlia St NW- SS scam; phone call claiming victim had warrants

**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.