



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.17.17-03.24.17**

**“Pop-Up” Scam:** Investigator Czech wants us to mention a new scam that was recently reported. I am copying the email he sent to me.

The SCAM was using eBay Motors. The victim in this case was on the actual eBay Motors website looking at motorhomes. On the side of his screen he received a “pop up” advertisement with a motorhome on it saying something similar to “you may also be interested in this.” The victim clicked on the ad which appeared to be another motorhome on eBay motors. The site that he clicked on was a fraudulent site masking the identity of eBay Motors. In the fraudulent site they even had contact phone numbers and security codes. The victim conducted e-mail correspondence with the scammer and ended up wiring \$28000.00 to an account in California. Several days passed and the motorhome was not delivered. As of now, the victim is out the \$28000.00 with little chance of recovery. In these types of cases, time is of the essence. Once the money is wired, the money is only in the bank for a few days before it is withdrawn. The chance of freezing the fraudulent bank account with the money in it, decreases every day. Often times the scammers will try to delay the victim as long as possible to get the money out of the account. In this case, when the victim called, the scammer answered and stated the delay was bad weather. Some good advice for citizens is to watch the “pop-up” ads when on a web site, often times it will take you to a different site that may be fraudulent. Do not “WIRE” money to unknown people and if they think they are victim to a scam, do not delay, call the police and report the incident immediately.

### **Andover Burglaries**

03.20 142xx Drake St NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary; unsecure basement window; cash, alcohol

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.20 137xx Crane St NW – unsecure garage; depth finder

03.17 156 Ln NW/Hummingbird St NW – tools stolen from a work trailer

03.17 157xx Yellow Pine St NW – mailbox damaged

### **Arrests**

03.23 37xx 174 Ave NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault, DANCO Violation; deputies responded to female/male domestic. The male fled on foot prior to the deputy's arrival. There was also an active domestic abuse no contact order that was violated. The male has not been located.

03.18 39xx 145 Ave NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

03.18 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped out with an impaired driver in the business parking lot. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .181

## Bethel

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

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.21 92xx 168 Ave NE – vandalism to a vehicle; dented
- 03.17 160xx Xingu St NE – mailbox damaged

## East Bethel

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.21 181xx Hwy 65 NE – license plates stolen off a vehicle
- 03.21 13xx 178 Ln NE – unsecure vehicle; purse
- 03.21 212xx Hwy 65 NE – gas syphoned from a vehicle
- 03.20 201xx Austin St NE – unsecure vehicle; electronics

### Arrests

- 03.23 220xx Quincy St NE – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic. The male was arrested.

## Ham Lake

### Burglaries

- 03.21 47xx 170 Ln NE – front house window smashed; electronics

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.21 151xx East Vermillion Cir NE – package stolen from the mailbox
- 03.21 20xx 149 Ave NE – mail stolen from the mailbox
- 03.21 138xx Aberdeen St NE – vehicle window smashed; purse

### Arrests

- 03.18 175xx Central Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; while on routine patrol a deputy located a male with warrants. The male was arrested.

## Linwood

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.22 241xx West Fawn Rd NE – wood burning stove stolen from the property

## Nowthen

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.23 221xx Xenon St NW – boat stolen from the property

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

- 03.17 210 Ave NW/Rum River Blvd NW – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .118