



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.27.18**

Dating websites have been the source of a lot of fraud reports over the course of the last year. Below is an abbreviated version of a report an Andover deputy took this week:

I was dispatched to call a victim who advised me that he has had about \$12,000 stolen from him. The victim advised that his wife had recently passed away. The victim advised he started using Match.com and became friends with a female who goes by the name of "Candice" on March 18th. The victim advised Candice had a phone number on her picture that can only be texted, not called.

The victim advised in conversation with Candice she told him that she was stuck in Nigeria on a business trip and needed money to get out and for attorneys. The victim advised me he started sending Candice money using Amazon cards and deposits into a Wells Fargo account. The victim advised in about five transactions he had lost about \$12,000. The victim advised he started thinking that he was being taken advantage of and contacted a friend who told him to stop.

Scammers like this gain the trust of someone they believe is vulnerable. It was only because of the victim telling a story to a friend that he could validate his feeling that he was being scammed.

### **Andover**

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

04.21 137xx Ibis St NW – dine-and-dash at a restaurant; suspects located and returned to the restaurant to pay their bill and apologize to management

04.22 30xx 164 Lane NW- BB gun shot at 3 vehicles parked in the driveway

#### **Arrests**

04.26 2100 Block/138<sup>th</sup> Ave NW – Warrant, Obstruction, Flee, Controlled Substance; deputies were attempting to serve a warrant at the location. The man with the warrant fled out the back door. He was caught and arrested. When being booked into jail, a prescription med was found on him that was not prescribed to him.

04.25 Crosstown Blvd NW/Station Pkwy NW – CVO PI Crash; deputies responded to a head on crash at the location. One of the driver's fled on foot but was located a few blocks away. The male was arrested.

04.23 140xx Tulip St NW – Violation of HRO; deputies responded to a report of a harassment restraining order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

04.21 25xx 138 Ave NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

04.20 16000 Block of Crane St NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

04.20 15xx 144 Ave NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. The female driver had an IV with an empty syringe hanging from her. The female was arrested.

## **Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

04.20 237xx Cooper Ave NW – side door pried open; tv and electronics

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

04.23 9400 Block of Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAS; deputies responded to a report of a male who did not pay for his gas. The male did not have a valid driver's license. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

04.20 204xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of vehicle parts at a business; suspect assaulted owner

### **Arrests**

04.26 19000 Block Breezy Point Dr – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a caller reported a drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety test. He was arrested and his license plates were impounded. A prior conviction elevated the charge. .173

04.21 44xx Fawn Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; 44xx Fawn Lake Dr NE – deputies responded to a father/son domestic. The son was arrested.

04.21 208xx Naples St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

04.20 181 Ave NE/Hwy 65 NE – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a working tail light. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .10

04.20 204xx Hwy 65 NE – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault, DAR; deputies stopped a vehicle for being involved in an assault and theft. The male was not cooperative, deputies located several open bottles in the vehicle. The male was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

04.19 14xx Flamingo Dr NE – vehicle keyed in driveway

04.20 3xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – parts stolen out of a vehicle at a business; two males arrested

04.23 173xx Zumbrota St NE – vehicle stolen from driveway overnight

04.23 133xx Zest St NE – theft of mail; pieces of mail were found in a snowbank down the street

04.24 178xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of license plate

## **Arrests**

04.21 29xx 144 Ave NE – Receiving Stolen Property; while doing extra patrol at a home where the deputy knew the homeowners to be on vacation a deputy located a suspicious vehicle on the property. A man took off on foot when he saw the deputy coming. The male was located and the vehicle he was driving was stolen. The male was arrested.

04.20 3xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – Theft, Receiving Stolen Property; deputies responded to a report of two males that had just stolen from the property. The males were located and arrested.

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

04.23 85xx 239 Ln NE – Domestic assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

04.24 81xx 185 Ave NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic. The male was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

25xx 224 Ave NW – fraud; stole victim's identity to take out loan at Lending Point Loans

04.23 217xx Cedar Dr NW – victim of "computer scam" taken for \$260

### **Arrests**

04.25 35xx Fishers Dr NW – DANCO Violation; deputies responded to a domestic assault no contact order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

04.22 34xx Fishers Dr NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a sister/brother domestic. The male was arrested.

## **Laura Landes & Missi Reeder**

### **Crime Prevention**

### **Anoka County Sheriff's Office**

*\*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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*