



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: JUNE 15, 2018**

You know how often we tell you about the IRS scam – and don't fall victim? Well, good news! One of our very observant deputies actually caught - in person - some perpetrators of this scam! Below is his report:

I monitored a broadcast put out for a vehicle out of Illinois driven by a male wanted on Federal Fraud Charges believed to be in the Anoka County area at a Target store. I found the vehicle in the Andover Target lot occupied by two males. I detained the males and contacted US Treasury Special Agent who advised he would be in route to search the vehicle. Over a thousand fraudulent gift cards were found on one male and in the vehicle. The agent advised the male is a suspect involving the IRS phone scam going on around the country involving the gift cards as payment and then suspects are trading them in for clean gift cards at Target stores. The male is a suspect in approximately \$500,000 worth of fraud that has occurred in the past couple weeks in the Chicago and Minneapolis area. The agent advised the AUSA is currently working on a federal complaint to charge the male with the fraud but the federal complaint won't be prepared until next Monday. The agent requested we charge and hold the male in the ACSO jail until those charges can be leveled. I then contacted CID who responded to assist getting the male charged and held in Anoka County. I transported the male to CID to be interviewed by the Treasury Department and then to ACSO jail. The agent took all the evidence deputies found on the male and in the vehicle at the time of arrest.

### **Andover**

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

- 06.12 15200 Hanson Blvd NW – YMCA; lock cut off a locker; wallet
- 06.12 15200 Hanson Blvd NW – YMCA; lock cut off a locker; keys
- 06.12 15xx 142 Ave NW – unsecure vehicle; cash
- 06.08 35xx 142 Ln NW – bike stolen from the property
- 06.08 5xx 156 Ln NW – vandalism to the property; solar lights smashed
- 06.07 15400 Hanson Blvd NW – Oakview MS; vandalism to school property; spray painted
- 06.07 6xx 141 Ln NW – unsecure vehicle; cash
- 06.07 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – business; unattended skateboards stolen from outside the business
- 06.03 144xx Vintage St NW – unsecure vehicle; nothing of value was stolen

#### **Arrests**

- 06.15 Tulip St NW/180 Ln NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped out with a vehicle at the location. The deputy observed paraphernalia in the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.
  
- 06.13 14xx 155 Ave NW – Underage Party, Flee on Foot; deputies responded to a report of an underage party at the location. One of the males fled on foot. The male was located and arrested. All the other juveniles were released to their parents.
  
- 06.11 3x 139 Ave NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of an electrical box hit by a vehicle at the location. The deputies located the vehicle and the driver. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .18

06.08 2000 Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Aid to US Treasury, Felony Theft; a deputy stopped a vehicle that was wanted on federal fraud charges. The male suspect was located and arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

## **East Bethel**

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

06.07 243xx Hwy 65 NE – unsecure vehicle; backpack, ecig

06.02 3xx 196 Ave NE – camper pried open; electronics

### **Arrests**

06.12 1700 Block of Viking Blvd NE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash at the location. The driver had fled. Upon locating the driver, he appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

### **Burglaries**

06.08 155xx Central Ave NE – unsecure garage; tools

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

06.13 167xx Shenandoah St NE – boat and trailer stolen from the property

06.11 16xx Constance Blvd NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

06.05 136xx Van Buren St NE – vandalism to a vehicle; keyed

### **Arrests**

06.13 154xx Hwy 65 NE – HRO Violation; deputies responded to a report of a harassment restraining order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The female was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

06.14 Viking Blvd NW/St Francis Blvd NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver not having a working license plate light. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

06.10 196xx Baugh St 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**

06.14 228xx Poppy St NW – vandalism a vehicle; spray painted

06.13 193xx Woodbine St NW – delivered mattress stolen from the front step

## **Arrests**

06.10 215xx Tulip St NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/son domestic at the location. The son was arrested.

06.07 Lake George Beach – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault; deputies responded to a delayed assault report between 3 males. Two males were 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.*

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