



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.13.18

I hope we are not "scamming" you out with all the information we have been putting out lately. However, I read a report from Deputy Kvam this week about the Grandparent Scam and he did a great job articulating how it all happened and I want to share it with you.

ORIGINAL OFFICER NARRATIVE

I was dispatched a phone call in reference to a suspicious phone call. I spoke to the victims on the phone. They stated that they received a phone call from Paterson, NJ 1-856-491-2651. They answered and an unknown female, posing as their 18-year-old granddaughter, was crying and told them not to be mad. The female apologized and told the victims that she was in jail in New Jersey for DWI. The female stated that she hit a pregnant woman and doctors didn't know if the baby was going to make it.

The female asked the victims if they'd like to speak with her defense attorney and they said yes. An unknown male posing as a public defender told them that they'd have to pay \$65,000.00 to bail out their granddaughter. The victims told the male that they don't have that kind of money and the male told them that they could knock the bail down to \$45,000.00 and they'd only have to pay ten percent of that. The male told the victims that the bail may go up if the baby dies. The male also told the victims that their granddaughter's vehicle was impounded and would remain at the lot until her court date. The male also provided the victims with a case number of AA0430-06. The victims told the male they don't have that kind of money and their granddaughter would have to sit in jail. That seemed to stump the male and the victims hung up.

The victims actually do have an 18-year-old granddaughter who happened to leave from the house the night they got the phone call. The victims realized that the timing of everything didn't add up and they didn't fall for the scam.

Clear

Deputy A. Kvam

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

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 07.11 135xx Martin St NW – trailer stolen from the property
- 07.10 151xx Bluebird St NW – beer stolen off a truck
- 07.09 153xx Linnet St NW – unsecure vehicle; electronics
- 07.09 153xx Linnet St NW – 3 bicycles stolen from the property
- 07.07 138xx Martin St NW – vandalism to a home; rear sliding glass door window shattered
- 07.06 20xx 149 Ave NW – mail stolen from the mailbox

Arrests/Incidents

- 07.08 30xx 168 Ln NW – House Fire; deputies responded to a house fire at the location. Andover Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.07 1xx Main St NW – bicycle stolen from the property

Arrests

07.07 83xx Broadway Ave NE – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a property damage crash at the location. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Columbus

Burglaries

07.11 137xx Lake Dr NE – lock cut off a storage unit; tools, camping equipment

Arrests

07.11 9400 Block of Lake Dr NE – False Information; a deputy stopped a driver for having a tail light out. The driver gave the deputy false information because she did not have a valid driver's license. The female was arrested..203

East Bethel

Arrests

07.07 46xx 229 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.11 70xx Birchview Ln NE – gas cans stolen off a truck

07.10 173xx Zumbrota St NE – vandalism to a home; garage glass panels shot with a bb-gun

Linwood

Burglaries

07.07 87xx 239 Ln NE – lock cut off a storage unit; tools

Nowthen

Arrests

07.10 81xx 185 Ave NW – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a verbal husband/wife domestic. The female left in a vehicle but returned a bit later. The female was questioned and appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .26

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.10 46xx 186 Ln NW – unsecure shed; 2 bicycles stolen

07.07 218xx Woodbine St NW – vehicle window smashed; electronics

07.06 185xx Lake George Blvd NW – fire wood stolen from the property

Arrests

07.12 Lake George Blvd NW/Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a 3wheeler ATV driving in a traffic lane. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and had an active warrant. The male was arrested.

07.10 38xx 218 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located and arrested.

Laura Landes & Missi Reeder
Crime Prevention
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**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.