

Waite Park Police: Return Scam



Value: \$60+ each incident

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a return scam that is happening at a number of stores owned by a grocery chain. The suspect is going to the catering desk and asking the name of the manager. Then he proceeds to the service desk and claims that he had received catered chicken and it was cold or bad. He then claims that the catering manager-using the name he just got-advised him to go to the service desk for a refund.

Suspect Description:

White Male

Dark Hair

Always dressed in a business suit

Stearns County Sheriff: Stolen Ice Fishing House



On 01/05/2004 at approximately 09:23 AM, Officers responded to the Theft of an Ice Fishing house from Pearl Lake on the north half of Sections 2 and 3 in Maine Prairie Township. The owner discovered it missing around 4:30 AM. The owner had last used the house on Friday 1-2-2004 and left it at 9:30 AM.

The house is described as being 6 1/2' X 12' on wheels. It has blue steel siding with white trim. The wheels also had chrome hubcaps and the door was locked. The inside was paneled and upholstered and did contain 4 fishing poles, 1 radio and 1 chisel. The house is valued at \$6/000, the radio at \$80/ the fishing poles at \$100 total, and the chisel at \$25.

This photograph was taken in 2002. Since then, windows have been added to the front and back ends of the house.

St. Cloud Police - Robbery

On 01/12/04 at 10:31 PM, Officers were dispatched to a robbery in the 2200 block of 7th Street North. Upon arrival, Officers met with the victim, who was a pizza delivery driver. The victim arrived at this location to deliver a pizza and was approached by two individuals. The victim advised he was maced and subsequently robbed of an undisclosed amount of money. The suspects then fled the area in a vehicle prior to Officers arrival on scene. Officers checked the area for the suspects with negative results.

The suspects and suspect vehicle are described as follows:

Suspect #1: B/Male, 20's YO, 6'1", slender build, short hair, wearing a hooded black leather coat, stocking cap and blue jeans.

Suspect #2: B/Male, 20's YO, 5'9", heavy build, dark complexion, afro, possibly wearing an orange shirt or coat.

Suspect Vehicle: Passenger car (possibly a Pontiac Bonneville or Pontiac Grand Prix make/model), dark colored (possibly blue or green).

Stearns County Sheriff: Serial Burglaries (From week of January 5, 2004)

Officers from Stearns, Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties are investigating what appears to be serial burglaries in the three counties.

On October 17th, 2003, burglaries occurred to 8 businesses in the southwest part of our county.

- 1 in Spring Hill to the bar.
- 3 in Greenwald to gas station, iron shop, and the bar.
- 2 in St. Martin to the store and lumber yard.
- 2 in Elrosa to the store and lumber company.

On November 22, 2003, burglaries occurred in the St. Martin area.

- 1 to a farm south of St. Martin
- 1 to a garage at a private residence.
- 1 to the Roscoe bar.

On or around December 3, 2003, burglaries occurred to churches in the southwest part of our county.

- 2 to churches in Paynesville.
- 1 to church north of Brooten.

There have been similar burglaries in the New London and Willmar areas.

All appear to be related as method of entry is the same and the items taken are all similar. These burglaries usually occurred overnights between 1:30 and 6:00 AM.

See Poster section for a printable poster.

Stearns County Sheriff: Vandalisms and Thefts

The Stearns County Sheriff received numerous reports of vandalism and theft at Bel Clare Estates Mobile Home Park in St. Joseph Twp. During the night of January 10th, unknown persons spray painted several homes, storage sheds and vehicles. Also, stereo equipment was stolen from several cars in the park.

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Stearns County Sheriff: Hit and Run with Personal Injury

The Stearns County Sheriff received a report of a personal injury hit and run accident that happened in the parking lot of Goat Ropers Bar in Farming. A 25 year old male from Melrose was hit by a green Dodge extended cab pickup. The victim was treated a Paynesville Hospital and released the following day. The crime happened just after midnight on 1/11/04.