Violence Spills Outdoors—

On Saturday, April 12th, a Mixed Martial Arts event was being held at the Four Seasons. During the event, an argument between patrons took place inside the arena—the victims elected to leave the arena as the argument was escalating and they didn’t want anything to happen. As they were walking outside the arena, they heard some yelling and saw the suspect exiting a vehicle. The suspect allegedly walked around the front of the vehicle and displayed a handgun and threatened to shoot. The suspect got back into the vehicle and left the scene. A very short time later, the suspect vehicle was stopped by Owatonna officers and two occupants were arrested. Officers searched the vehicle and recovered a 9mm. Smith & Wesson handgun in the vehicle. Once at the jail, one of the occupants was being booked when a small plastic baggie fell out of his pants leg. The baggie contained four smaller baggies that each contained a substance that tested presumptive positive for cocaine. Jeorge J. Jaramillo, age 24, was arrested and formally charged with several felonies, including, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 2nd Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Orlando D. Trevino, age 23, was also arrested and formally charged with Aiding an Offender—also a felony.

Severe Weather Awareness Week—

Are you ready for severe weather? The week of April 21-25 is a great time to make and practice your emergency plan for when severe weather hits. Two of the most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the annual statewide tornado drills. These drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

If you are interested in some ideas on how you, your family, business, or your community can participate in Severe Weather Awareness Week, check out some of the ideas on this list.

Educators, leaders or communicators may want to use this 2014 Severe Weather Awareness Week Presentation to help deliver this information.

Caught in the Act—

Late Monday afternoon our officers were called to Cabela’s for the report of a shoplifting in progress—we were also told this same suspect had been in the store earlier in the day and was suspected of shoplifting at that time. When our officers arrived, Cabela’s loss prevention had already taken the suspect into custody after watching him on surveillance taking and concealing items. The suspect was found to have several high-end electronic items in his pockets, valued collectively at $1,379.97. When interviewed, the suspect admitted to the theft, indicating he went inside a dressing room and a camping tent to avoid being detected. He also admitted to being in the store earlier in the day and stealing. Jeffrey A. Smizek, age 27, was arrested and later formally charged with Theft—a felony.