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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, April 17 to Thursday, April 23

- Busiest Day of Week: Monday—125 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 5:00 PM—49 events
- Total # of Events: 597
- Average Events/Day: 85.28
- Average Events/Hour: 3.55
- Average Traffic Stops: .10 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 1

Department News—

Training was the name of the game again this week as Sergeant Tracy DuChene, Officers Jason Matejecz, Matt Oeltjenbruns, Andrew Van Osdale and Adam Dupic attended a three-day Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) course held at the Owatonna Fire Department. Officer Jesse Ackerson was in Omaha, Nebraska to attend a 3-day firearms instructor course and Officer Melissa Michael was in Mankato to attend a one-day field analysis of drugs course.

Suspicious Activity Lands Trio in Jail—

On Thursday night, we received information of a suspicious vehicle. An officer located the vehicle and attempted to stop if for an equipment violation. The vehicle refused to stop and led the officer on a slow speed pursuit from the southbound I-35 off-ramp at Bridge St. to a residence in the 600 Block of Mound St. where the vehicle stopped. The unlicensed driver was taken into custody and a search of the vehicle uncovered drug paraphernalia and presumptive methamphetamine. Kylen G. Engbard, age 31, was arrested and jailed. Engbard was formally charged with Driving after Cancellation, Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On April 17th an Owatonna officer was approached by an inn-keeper from the Best Budget Inn. The inn-keeper reported alot of traffic going in and out of a room and requested we issue trespass warnings to non-registered guests. The officer investigated and observed several people leaving the problem room, get in a car and drive away. He radioed that information to another officer who stopped vehicle. We continued to investigate the original complaint and met with the renter in room #112 and in doing so found drug paraphernalia throughout the room. The renter, Cody Altipeter, age 21, was arrested for a probation violation and taken to jail. Getting back to the car...when it was stopped it contained a driver and passenger. The driver and the passenger appeared to be concealing the passenger’s identity. The officer was later able to identify the passenger as Joshua Drabek, a fugitive wanted by three separate counties for drug, forgery and stolen property charges. Drabek, age 25, was also arrested and jailed. Based on the circumstances of this case, the officer suspected drug activity with this car. As fortune would have it, his partner is our drug detection dog Kash—when Kash conducted a narcotics sniff of the car, Kash gave two positive exterior alerts on the car. A search of the vehicle revealed numerous baggies and 3.1 grams of presumptive methamphetamine. The driver, Brian Maestre-Reavis, age 27, was the third person jailed and faces felony 5th degree drug possession charges. Meastre-Reavis’s vehicle, a 1998 Audi, was seized and is subject to forfeiture.

The Dangers of the Illegal Drug Trade—

On Sunday night, our officers were called to the Owatonna Hospital to investigate a robbery complaint. Officers interviewed several persons who indicated they were robbed at Manthey Park. Officer learned the victims were victims, but not so innocent—the victims had arranged to sell some drugs in the park. The victims met the buyers who followed them into the park. When they stopped, several buyers exited their car, rushed the seller’s vehicle and pulled the sellers out of their vehicle. The sellers were assaulted with bats, a bottle and fists and had several items and the illegal drugs taken from them. The buyers then fled the scene and the sellers headed to the hospital. The investigation lead to an apartment in the 400 block of St Paul Place. At that location, officers attempted to apprehend a suspect and in doing so were met by a combative individual. The combatant, Sunday Pout, age 21, was arrested and jailed. Pout was formally charged with (2) counts of 4th Degree Assault and Minor Consumption of Alcohol. This case remains under investigation.

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