### Felony DWI Arrest—

On September 25th at approximately 11:27 P.M. an Owatonna officer stopped a pickup truck for operating with loud exhaust and an equipment violation. While speaking with the driver, the officer noticed the driver was displaying signs that he had been drinking. The officer inquired of the driver his driver’s license status and the driver told him that he was cancelled—inimical to public safety. The officer also inquired as to how much the driver had to drink—the driver responded, “I’ve had a lot”. The driver performed road-side field sobriety tests and was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Steele County Jail for further processing. Following the arrest, the driver refused to provide a blood sample used to determine his blood alcohol level—a search warrant for the blood draw was later obtained and a sample was collected. Jason D. Batt, age 33, was later formally charged with 1st Degree DWI—a felony and Driving after Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety—a gross misdemeanor. Court records show that Mr. Batt has been convicted of DWI three previous times, most recently in Olmsted County in 2009. Batt’s vehicle, a 1996 Dodge Ram, was seized and may be subject for forfeiture.

### Residential Burglary Investigated—

On Thursday afternoon, Owatonna officers responded to the 100 block of W. McKinley for the report of an intruder found in a home. Investigation revealed a female victim heard someone enter her home through her back door. She went to investigate and encountered an unknown male suspect in her kitchen. She approached the suspect and began punching him. The suspect began to exit the residence and punched the victim a single time. The suspect fled on foot from the residence in an unknown direction. The suspect was described as a very thin white male, approximately 6’ tall and 20-30 years old with a rough complexion and dark, sunken eyes. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, faded dirty blue jeans, a baseball cap and tight black kid-style gloves. Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to call Detective Tom Munns at 507-774-7219.

### Inaugural Citizen’s Academy—

On Wednesday evening, the inaugural Owatonna Police Department Citizen’s Academy held their initial session. Hosted by Chief Keith Hiller, the 14 participants were greeted by Mayor Tom Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse. Both the mayor and city administrator gave a brief presentation of their roles with the police department. Chief Hiller then followed-up and gave an administrative overview of the department. The Citizen’s Academy is an 8-week program that looks at several areas within the police department, including the Patrol Division, the Detective Bureau, specialty assignment (SWAT, Canine, Drugs, Gangs, Field Training and Crime Scene Investigation), and Use of Force training. We are also including three segments with our professional partners—the Steele County Attorney’s Office, Steele County Probation Services and the Judicial Branch. If you’d like to participate in a Citizen’s Academy, stay tuned to Just the Facts for future class offerings.