**Weekly Highlights**

**Friday, September 30 to Thursday, October 6**

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Fri & Sat — 109 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 10:00 PM — 47 events
- **Total # of Events:** 641
- **Average Events/Day:** 91.57
- **Average Events/Hour:** 3.82
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .71 per hour
- **DWI for the week:** 2

**Crime Prevention**

Get to know your neighbors so that you can keep an eye each others homes and property. If you see suspicious activity at a neighbor’s, call the police right away. Don’t get directly involved yourself as you may place yourself and others in danger. Rather, be the best witness you can be by writing down license plate numbers, vehicle/person descriptions and remaining on contact with the police dispatcher until the police arrive.

**One Bad Dude—**

On Saturday, October 2, 2011, a robbery was reported to an Owatonna detective while he was working at the Owatonna High School Homecoming Dance at the Junior High School. A juvenile female reported that she had been approached by a male suspect in the parking lot who demanded her money. The victim gave the suspect $30 in cash. The suspect then pushed the victim into a vehicle, sexually assaulted her and fled the scene. The detective requested additional officers and went to look for the suspect. Approximately one-block from the Junior High School, the detective confronted a person matching the description of the suspect. The detective began to approach the suspect who fled on foot. A search of the area did not result in the suspect’s apprehension; however, the detective believed he recognized the suspect from previous contacts. The following day, Owatonna Officer received a tip that a male party was selling stolen property from a burglary that was reported on October 1, 2011 via his Facebook account. The suspect selling the stolen property was believed the be the same suspect involved in the robbery. Owatonna detectives secured a search warrant for 315 22nd Street N.W., apartment #30 and located the suspect. Stolen property from the burglary was recovered as well as stolen property from other burglaries and thefts. The suspect was placed under arrest for suspicion of possessing stolen property. Owatonna detective interviewed the suspect who admitted to the robbery, several burglaries and motor vehicle tampering. The suspect Benny Ledesma, age 19, was formally charged in District Court with multiple charges including 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, Simple Robbery, False Imprisonment, First Degree Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and others. Between September 22, 2011 and the date of his arrest, it is believed Mr. Ledesma was the suspect in at least seven cases involving burglary, theft and robbery.

**Fraud and Identity Theft—**

Fraud and identify theft continues to be problematic for unsuspecting victims. With the advent of on-line payments, take the time to carefully examine the details of your on-line bills. In the past week, the department has noticed an upswing in the number of reports of fraudulent charges appearing on phone, cable, credit cards bills. When contesting fraudulent charges with your creditor, often times they will request that you file a report with your local police department. If that is the case, the Owatonna Police Department will take that report; however, we will only conduct a thorough investigation if the fraud/identity theft took place within the City of Owatonna. If the fraud/identity theft took place outside of Owatonna, the crime will need to be reported to the appropriate policing jurisdiction.

**What’s an Event—**

In the upper left hand corner of ‘Just the Facts”, we provide a brief snippet of the department’s weekly activity; however, we’ve been asked by readers, “What’s an event”. An event is defined as a single instance of an officer’s activity. This means an event is created each time officers respond to a call for service or initiate an activity such as a traffic stop. Each event is assigned a specific number in a computer aided dispatch system and officers are able to enter information into the event that they feels is relevant, such as the name and contact information of person(s) they may have talked to or a description of any action they may have taken while they were on the call.

**Can You Help—**

We’re looking for a good home to place one of our furry friends from the Animal Control Shelter. This dog appears to be a German Shorthair mix and has been without a home to call her own for far too long. She is a personable dog with a good temperament and loves being around people. She just needs someone to open their home and love her back. If you are interested or know of someone interested in adopting a dog, you can speak with an community service officer at 507-774-7000 or Parking Control Officer Pam Roberts at 507 774-7200.

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**Just the Facts**

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