**Disturbance Leads to Arrest—**

Early Sunday afternoon, Owatonna officers were called to 706 Truman Avenue regarding an upset female pounding on a door with a crow bar. The first arriving officer found the female was inside of the residence fighting. The officer looked in a window and observed a 28-year old male physically struggling with a female; the male individual looked out of the window and yelled for help. The officer entered the residence and found the male restraining the female while she was flailing her arms at the male. The male party stepped away; however, the female leaned forward and swung at the male. The officer grabbed the female and she physically began resisting the officer. The officer attempted to handcuff the female when she twisted around and struck the officer two or three times on his arms. Investigation revealed the male and female are in the process of a divorce. The female came to the house and shattered a window with a crow bar. She crawled inside the residence through the window, threatening that she was going to beat the male up. Elsa A. Ortega, age 29, was arrested and later formally charged with 1st Degree Burglary—a felony, Obstructing the Legal Process—a gross misdemeanor, Domestic Assault and 4th Degree Criminal Damage to Property—both misdemeanors.

**Texting Leads to Charges—**

On August 26th, an Owatonna officer initiated an investigation involving inappropriate, sexually explicit text messages between a 49-year old male and a 11-year old juvenile male who suffers from disabilities. The suspect in this case was reported to live in Geneva, Minnesota and was a family friend to the victim’s family. A search of the victim’s cellular telephone confirmed the alleged allegations. At the conclusion of the investigation, Owatonna detectives, assisted by a Freeborn County Investigator, met with the suspect at his residence and placed him under arrest. Albert R. Diaz, was transported to the Steele County Detention Center and was later formally charged with Engaging in Electronic Communications relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with a Child—a felony.

**October Marks Crime Prevention Month—**

Local communities join forces with local law enforcement during a time when police budget cuts are substantial. Officially recognized as Crime Prevention Month, October is the month when the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) recognizes those that work tirelessly all year to prevent crime and highlights new tips and resources for effective crime prevention in the future. *Crime Prevention Month is a time to reinforce the importance of community safety*, said NCPC President and CEO Ann M. Harkins. Community safety and effective crime prevention will always begin with active partnerships between community members and local law enforcement. Each week of Crime Prevention Month, communities are encouraged to focus on one of four crime prevention themes: October 1-7 – Community Engagement October 8-14 – Neighborhood and Home Safety October 15-21 – Personal Safety October 22-28 – Cyber Safety

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