Offender ICED—

On October 10th, Owatonna officers were called to the area of the 2400 block of 4th Avenue NW to assist a partnering agency with a traffic stop. A federal Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) deportation agent was in the city conducting an immigration investigation and had stopped a vehicle at that location. During the stop, the deportation agent placed the driver under arrest for a Deportation Order. Subsequent to the arrest, the deportation agent searched the suspect and located three white pills in his pocket; it was later determined the pills were the controlled substance Oxycodone. Assisting Owatonna officers then conducted a search of the suspect’s vehicle and during that search, found a fully loaded Charter Arms .44 caliber revolver under the driver’s seat. Officers also found a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. Leopoldo Rivera-Leal, age 41, was transported to the Steele County Detention Center where he remains in custody. Rivera-Leal was formally charged in District Court with being Felon in Possession of a Firearm and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. The felon in possession of a firearm charge stems from previous controlled substance convictions for Rivera-Leal.

Roges Brewhouse Brewhaha—

On Saturday the 13th, one of our officers observed a large group of people outside the back door of Reggies Brewhouse. The officer investigated and saw a lone black male attempting to punch another individual; the black male fled the scene on foot when he was ordered to stop by the officer. Additional officers responded to assist with the foot chase when a medical was dispatched to the rear of Reggies. Officers responded to the medical and found a highly intoxicated male individual who was bleeding from his head. When approached by officers, this subject became agitated and told the officers to step back. The subject began to swing his arms and legs toward a crowd that gathered and took a fighting stance with the officers. A citizen intervened to attempt to quell the situation; however, the subject kept swinging his arms and yelling obscenities at the officers. Two officers restrained the individual to hinder any further assaultive behavior. A third officer arrived on scene and was kicked in the back of his legs by the restrained subject. The subject was then placed under arrest and transported to the Owatonna Hospital for his injuries. Once at the hospital, the subject assaulted a second officer by spitting blood on him. The subject continued his assaultive behavior by alleging he was a member of the Mexican Drug Cartel and the Cartel will kill the officers and their families. Rosalio Martinez, age 33, was transported to the Steele County Detention Center. He was formally charged in District Court with two counts of 4th Degree Assault on a Police Officer and Terroristic Threats. Coincidently, the black male that fled and started the whole event—Devin T. Barksdale, was found hiding under a truck, arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Fleeing a Police Officer on Foot.

Department News—

Three of our department’s chaplains, Brent Carlson, Loren Olson and Gena Koebel attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains on October 15-17 in Duluth. The conference is geared toward chaplains learning new ways to serve law enforcement officers, their families and the community. It also aids in developing new chaplaincy programs such as ours. Also beginning this week, our firearms instructors will be working with all of our officers on a Minnesota Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) mandated low-light firearms qualification course. As police officers are often working after the sun sets, the course is designed for our officers to demonstrate their abilities to deal with the problems that arise associated with the use of a firearm in low light conditions such as muzzle flash, target identification and target accuracy. The photo above shows a low-light training scenario.