**Weekly Highlights**

Friday, January 29 to Thursday, February 4

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Monday—71 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM—a total of 28 events
- **Total # of Events:** 448
- **Average Events/Day:** 64
- **Average Events/Hour:** 2.67
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .68 per hour
- **DWIs for the week:** 1

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**Did You Know?**

In 2015, the Owatonna Police Department (OPD) conducted 7,220 traffic stops. As a result, 5,681 warnings and 1,380 citations were distributed to the traveling motorists. Officers arrested 125 people for driving while intoxicated (DWI) too.

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**Found In The Trunk**

On Saturday, January 30th at 12:41 a.m. an OPD officer was patrolling the downtown bars and observed a subject he recognized as having local warrants. The subject ducked into Just One More bar as an attempt to elude the officer. As officers checked the bar, patrons said the subject fled out the back door—onto W. Main Street. Officers began to search the area. They located an empty pair of shoes in the public parking lot of the public defender’s office. Officers set up surveillance in the area. Within minutes, an officer stopped a vehicle leaving the alleyway outside of 308 S. Cedar Avenue. A vehicle registration check matched the offender’s last name, although it was not the offender’s car. The driver was an elderly woman whom appeared to be alone in the car; however, officers noted a fresh handprint on the trunk lid and movement within the trunk. Officer’s located the wanted subject riding in the trunk of the car and without shoes. The driver was the offender’s mother. The wanted subject, Anival Cuellar, age 38, had an outstanding felony warrant in Texas as a fugitive from justice and misdemeanor warrants out of Minnesota stemming from traffic violations issued by our agency. Cuellar told officers he fled because he didn’t want to ride the transport van back to Texas and would rather use his pre-paid airfare ticket.

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**A Lengthy No Fault Auto Insurance Record Lands a Local Man In Jail**

On February 4th at 21:41 p.m. an OPD officer on patrol recognized a vehicle having a revoked registered owner. Before stopping the car, the officer confirmed his suspicions by using an in-car computer to run the vehicle license plate. The officer made a traffic stop and identified the driver and owner as Randy Joe Wolke, Jr. Wolke said the vehicle was insured under his girlfriend’s name. The officer checked and learned the policy was cancelled. The ratio of warnings (80.5%) to citations (19.5%) is a representation of our awareness and education perspective with the traveling motorist.

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**Super Bowl Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign**

If you plan on attending a super bowl party this weekend, please be responsible and designate a sober driver.

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**DUI Arrest**

On January 30th at about 01:30 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle by the Post Office for an equipment violation—a burned out headlight. During the traffic stop, the investigating officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from the driver. The driver’s girlfriend, also the vehicle owner, was riding in the passenger seat. The driver submitted to field sobriety tests, which he didn’t perform so well. The cooperating driver was then arrested for DWI and transported to jail. At the detention center, a certified breath test operator administered the breath test. The instrument measured the driver’s alcohol concentration at .21. The driver, Timothy Odell Williams, age 45 of Owatonna, was charged by formal complaint with 2nd Degree DWI based on one prior DWI conviction in the previous ten years and this offense was more than twice the legal driving limit.

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**Up & Coming**

We are excited to announce that next week, two new police officers will be joining our ranks. Michaela Smith will be starting on Monday, February 8th and Dylan Ordorff will start on Tuesday, February 9th. Michaela is a native to Faribault and currently works as a patrol/security officer at Mall of America. Dylan is from Lakeville and works at a family owned plumbing business. These dates mark the beginning of their law enforcement career. Stay tuned for next week’s edition of Just The Facts.