**Fugitive Unsuccessfully Avoids Apprehension**—

On Wednesday morning, two of our officers were at 334 E. Rose Street trying to apprehend an individual who had a couple of outstanding arrest warrants out of Rice County. As one of the officers knocked on the front door to the residence, the other took a position to observe the inside of the residence through a window. As the officer was knocking, the observing officer saw the wanted subject step into an open doorway inside of the residence, look at the officer and then back away; the subject refused to answer the door or have any further contact with the officers. Acting on a legal order to arrest the wanted subject and knowing he was inside of the residence, our officers forcibly entered residence through the front door. As the officers entered the residence, the wanted subject surrendered to the officers and he was taken into custody. Devin T. Barksdale, age 21, was held at the Steele County Detention Center on the outstanding warrants. He was also issued a citation for Obstructing the Legal Process.

**What Does $11,980 Look Like?**—

This $11,980 cash seizure is the result of a recent South Central Drug Investigative Unit (SCDIU) investigation involving the sale of controlled substances.

**Running From the Police May Land You in Jail**—

On January 31st, our officers were called to the area of Walmart for a shoplifting call involving a male suspect who had left the store. As our officers were en route to the call, they were given a description of the suspect. An Owatonna sergeant observed a male individual in the McDonald’s parking lot who matched the description of the suspect. The sergeant confronted the individual and directed him to another responding officer. Rather than doing as he was instructed, the suspect began walking away from the officers and began running. He was apprehended shortly thereafter in a vacant lot east of McDonalds by two other responding officers. Isidro J. Flores, age 21, was arrested and transported to the Steele County Jail. He was charged by citation with Theft and Fleeing a Police Officer on foot and later released from custody.

**Cops in the Community**—

On Thursday, Community Service Officers Josh Federly and Andrew Van Osdale paid a visit to the School Age Care (SAC) program at McKinley School. As part of their winter enrichment program, the SAC group was talking about vehicles, which included police vehicles. CSOs Federly and Van Osdale gave the children a tour of a police car and a short demonstration of all of the equipment we have in our patrol cars that we rely on daily to do our jobs more effectively and efficiently.

**Department News**—

This past week we installed our newest item of technology in our roll call/conference room—an interactive computer whiteboard. The new technology will be used for disbursing roll call intelligence information, viewing training multimedia, planning/coordinating deployment operations and public presentations amongst other things.

**They’re Beginning to Spread their Wings**—

We’re sure you’ve noticed in our recent issues that you’ve seen a number of new officers being hired as replacements for officers who have left the organization. This week our hiring efforts will be more noticeable in the community as Officer Zack Schumaker began his solo patrol duties on Wednesday night. Zack, along with our other newly hired officers, go through an extensive four-phase training program that typically takes up to 16 weeks before they are certified for solo patrol. Zack has now been certified and we look forward to him being a great servant to the community. Congratulations Zack!