Social Media Breaks the Case—

On February 6th at 7:18AM, our officers responded to the Eagle’s Club for a burglary. The initial investigation revealed no forced entry, but approximately $8000 in cash & checks were missing from the safe. Surveillance video identified a male party believed to be involved in the case, but as with many cases involving surveillance video, we had a nameless face. The Eagle’s Club posted the image of the suspect on their Facebook page and tips were received that linked the nameless face to a burglary in Lino Lakes, MN. Detectives compared the Eagle’s surveillance video with that in Lino Lakes and an association was made, and better yet, Lino Lakes had a name. Connecting the dots, our detectives were able to track the movements of the suspect to a Days Inn hotel in Mounds View and on February 8th at 2:38AM, the Mounds View Police Department arrested our suspect. Joseph J. Kreiger, age 46, of Oakdale, was transported to Owatonna and jailed. He has been charged with 3rd Degree Burglary and Theft—both felonies and remains in custody in the Steele County Jail. Our Detective Bureau investigators are continuing with this investigation.

Another Burglary Arrest—

On February 1st, we fielded a report of a residential burglary that took place at 585 Adams Ave. The investigating officer learned that an apartment had been burglarized, resulting in $2400 worth of cash, change and jewelry—there was no sign of forced entry. The investigating officers interviewed the property manager and learned another resident had been seen in a different apartment approximately 1-1 ½ weeks ago and gained access with a master key. When the resident was interviewed, he admitted to committing the most recent burglary after stealing a master key. Daniel D. Webster, age 57, of Owatonna, was arrested and has been charged with 2nd Degree Burglary.