Friends Forever?

On Saturday, February 12, 2011 Owatonna Officers were dispatched to the Owatonna Hospital for a stabbing victim being treated in the emergency room. Officer responded to investigate and found a highly intoxicated 48-year old male subject who had several non-life threatening stab wounds to his legs. The victim was in turn transported to Rochester where he underwent surgery to repair the injuries. Investigation revealed the victim and his friend were engaged in some horse-play that led to the victim being held in a head-lock. The victim being held in head-lock and fearing for his life used a box cutter to stab his friend several times in the leg. Owatonna officers arrested the 20-year old friend on suspicion of 2nd degree assault. The case was referred to the Steele County Attorney’s Office, and prosecution was declined on the basis that the friend acted in self-defense.

Impaired Operation

On Wednesday, February 16, 2011 Owatonna Officer Vaith responded to the area of the 500 block of E. Academy for a welfare check on an individual who had been parked in his vehicle in front of the reporting party’s house for over an hour. Officer Vaith located the vehicle and found a male party slumped over in the driver’s seat. Officers spoke with the driver who wasn’t quite sure where he was, believing he was in the city of Faribault. Officers observed drug paraphernalia in plain view inside the vehicle and located a white substance believed to be cocaine. The male party subsequently failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled substance. Daniel J. McCloskey, age 51, was charged in Steele County District Court with Possession of a Controlled Substance, 3rd Degree Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance and other lesser charges. McCloskey’s vehicle, a 1999 Chrysler LHS, was seized and held for forfeiture due to the controlled substance crime.

Owatonna Today

Corporal John Petterson was a guest of the Owatonna Today Show on Wednesday, February 16th. Corporal Petterson highlighted ways to avoid being the victim of fraud and scams. You can view the episode at blip.tv just type in Owatonna Today in the search box.