Snow Covered Road Surfaces Lead to a Couple DWIs—

During the early morning hours on Friday, an Owatonna sergeant found a vehicle stuck in the snow in the roadway on West Park Square—two females were pushing the vehicle as a male was operating the car. The sergeant spoke with the driver and noticed signs of intoxication. The driver performed roadside field sobriety tests—which he failed. He was placed under arrest for DWI and while conducting a search, the sergeant found a small plastic bag containing a white powered substance in his pocket. The substance later tested presumptive positive for cocaine. Cameron T. Hanson, age 26, was later formally charged with 3rd Degree DWI and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Saturday evening, Owatonna officers were called to the Walgreen’s parking lot for the report of a possible motor vehicle crash. Arriving officers located a black GMC that appeared to have been driven over a curb and into a large snowbank. Inside the vehicle, officers found a driver showing signs of intoxication and an open bottle of Kahlua laying on the front passenger seat. The driver failed roadside field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. Once arrested, the driver became uncooperative and officers were forced to carry him to an awaiting squad car. Once at the jail, he refused all other DWI testing. The driver, Vincent J. Dardis, age 26, faces several formal charges, including, DWI—Refusal to Submit to a test—a gross misdemeanor, DWI—Operating the Influence of Alcohol and Open Bottle.