The Owatonna Police Department is looking to fill one full-time Police Officer position. If you are or will be POST eligible by January 13th and are interested in applying, please visit [www.ci.owatonna.mn.us](http://www.ci.owatonna.mn.us) and click on the Employment tab to view the job description. Applications must be submitted online by 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 13th. If you have questions, contact Lynn Gorski, City of Owatonna Human Resources at 507-774-7345.

Assault Uncovers Drugs—On December 29th and into the morning hours on December 30th, officers were called to the hospital to investigate an apparent assault. The officers learned that the victim went to 2348 7th Avenue NE to meet with the tenant about some missing property. Once he arrived, he was accused of stealing, then beat by two men. The victim sustained injuries to his face, head and was bleeding. The victim was able to find his way home and a ride to the hospital for medical treatment. Officers went to the residence after obtaining a search warrant. The officers arrested Klayton Ament for assault and collected blood evidence and possible weapons used during the assault. During the search, officers also found 21.5 grams of methamphetamine, 36 grams of marijuana, and prescription pills classified as controlled substances. Ament, age 35 of Owatonna, was formally charged with a misdemeanor assault and a 3rd degree controlled substance, a felony.

In order to help cut down on the number of strays, the Steele County Humane Society is hosting several low income spay / neuter clinics in 2017 on the following dates:

January 7, May 13 and September 2. If you are interested you can go to [MNSNAP.org](http://MNSNAP.org) to sign up. Also please remember to protect your pets this winter by keeping them safe and warm. The cat pictured above was recently adopted.

Just Being Honest—On Thursday evening, our officers responded to Pro-Pet on 24th Avenue NW to apprehend an employee—Larry Haberman on Dodge County warrants. Haberman was located and cooperated with the arresting officers. Haberman took his possessions out of his locker, one of which was his winter jacket. As a standard procedure, the coat was searched before Haberman was allowed to wear it. Inside Haberman’s jacket pocket was a clear bag containing a crystal-like substance that Haberman said was meth. Officers also found a straw inside a pocket with a white residue, also suspected to be meth. A subsequent drug kit confirmed that both substances were methamphetamine. Haberman, 45 of Blooming Prairie, was formally charged with 5th degree possession of methamphetamine.