Shooting Suspect Apprehended in Owatonna—

This past week has been a very busy one for the department while assisting the Steele County Sheriff’s Office with the Medford McDonald's shooting incident. Immediately following the shooting, information was received which led authorities to believe the alleged shooter was in the City of Owatonna. The Owatonna Police Department assisted the Steele County Sheriff’s Office by deploying a significant amount of patrol/detective staffing in an attempt to apprehend the offender. Owatonna officers, specifically, the commander and an agent from the South Central Drug Investigations Unit (SCDIU) who are both Owatonna officers, continued to assist the Sheriff’s Office after initial efforts to apprehend the suspect were unsuccessful. Finally, on Wednesday, January 11th, after numerous hours of cooperative investigative efforts went into this case, Jason P. Krieg, age 44, was located by the cooperative task force and arrested following a short foot chase in the area of the 500 block of Adams Avenue.

Arrest & Search Results in Charges—

On Monday, January 9th, Owatonna officers assisting with the Medford shooting had established a perimeter around the apartment complex at 633 Agnes Street attempting to locate Jason Krieg. Krieg was still at large and believed to be possibly inside an apartment in the complex. While holding the perimeter, a vehicle leaving the perimeter was stopped by an Owatonna officer. While the vehicle did not contain Krieg, it did contain a passenger with an outstanding arrest warrant. Matthew J. Burr, age 25 was subsequently arrested and transported to the Steele County Detention Center. A search incident to the arrest revealed items that could be used as drug paraphernalia. While Mr. Burr was being transported, further information was received from the male driver that Burr may have concealed contraband in a portion of his anatomy. Burr was searched further at the Detention Center and was found to be concealing apparent methamphetamines in the aforementioned anatomical location. Matthew Burr was formally charged in District Court with 5th degree Possession of a Schedule I, II, III, or IV Controlled Substance.

Military Ordinance Found in Straight River—

On January 5th, the Bloomington Bomb was called to assist the Owatonna Police Department with a missile like projectile that was removed from the Straight River by Owatonna Park and Recreation staff. With x-ray equipment, the bomb squad determined the ordinance was inert and not a threat to public safety. The bomb squad removed the item for proper disposal and training purposes. The police department made a further query with the Bloomington Bomb Squad and learned the object was a bazooka grenade rocket from the World War II era.