Ruin Your Welcome—

On Saturday, January 16th at 01:27 a.m., officers responded to a physical domestic at a residence on the 200 block of E. University Street. The residence is occupied by a husband and wife who were purportedly sleeping. Two additional adult men, acquaintances of the owner, are residing there because they lost their place of residence. The two men were causing a disturbance and kept the homeowners awake. The woman came out to tell the men to be quiet because her husband was trying to sleep. An altercation ensured and one guest assaulted the woman. The sleeping man, came out after hearing his wife being assaulted and in-turn was assaulted by the same man. The assailant in this case had pushed and choked both subjects. Once police arrived, they arrested the assailant. Joshua Lee Miller, age 27, was charged by citation with a misdemeanor domestic assault. This offender was also intoxicated and is on “no use” restrictions for a prior criminal incident.

Liquor Store Bandit —

The subject pictured here is suspected of numerous thefts from local merchants. He has failed to appear on his court summons and has escaped recent thefts at local liquor stores; however, our officers have been able to positively identify him through their investigative measures. The suspect’s recent “M.O” has been to steal liquor and run. The same suspect has also been identified in the theft of a fundraising cash/coin box at a local business. The suspect, Duol Luk Ret, age 23, has five outstanding warrants and four pending cases sent for a formal complaint — all from the Owatonna Police Department. Any citizen with information about Ret’s whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Owatonna Police Department at (507) 444-3800 or by submitting an online tip by clicking here. The police department is offering a cash reward under the City of Owatonna Quick 50 program that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these incidents.

Central Park Pavilion Arson —

The Owatonna Police Department is seeking any information related to two recent arson attempts that occurred at the Central Park restrooms earlier this week. The Park & Recreation department estimates the damages will exceed $10,000.00. Both men and women restrooms are closed as a result of the fire damage. Anyone with information leading to the identity of the person(s) involved in this crime are encouraged to contact the Owatonna Police Department at (507) 444-3800 or by submitting an online tip by clicking here. The police department is offering a cash reward under the City of Owatonna Quick 50 program that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these incidents.

Attention Landlords—

In a partnership with the City of Owatonna Landlord Association (COLA), the Owatonna Police Department is offering a crime free multi-housing (CFMH) course beginning in February. The certification entails three phases of training. Phase I is 8-hours of classroom lecture and will be divided into four sessions. Phase II is property inspections by our CFMH officer and Phase III is engaging the renters, landlords/managers and police together. For more information on the CFMH program, contact Officer Adam Hennen at 774-7000 Ext 6146. To be part of COLA, please contact Mr. Denny Marquardt by e-mailing him at dmemarquardt@gmail.com

Polar Plunge—

It’s not too late to register or donate to the 2016 Polar Plunge being held at Lake Kohlmier in Owatonna on January 30th. The event is offered by law enforcement to help support Special Olympic athletes. Citizens are welcome to attend in groups or individually. For more information, click here. Pictured in last year’s plunge at Lake Kohlmier is Olmsted County Sheriff Kevin Torgerson and his swan dive.