Sergeant Jeffery Okerberg Announces his Retirement

After 30 1/2 years, Owatonna Police Sergeant Jeff Okerberg has announced his retirement from the force. Sergeant Okerberg began his career as an Owatonna Police Officer on February 9, 1981. Sergeant Okerberg is recognized for his dedication to public service and active participation in the community as a coach and mentor. Okerberg was a tactical team operator for the regional SWAT Team for seven years until his promotion to patrol sergeant on January 2, 2000. Okerberg then held the rank of sergeant for the uniformed patrol division. Sergeant Okerberg’s official retirement date is July 29, 2011. Congratulations to Sergeant Jeff Okerberg and family for his service and commitment to law enforcement for the State of Minnesota and citizens of Owatonna.

The Price is Right

On July 10, 2011, Owatonna Officers responded to Taco John’s for an attempted motor vehicle theft. The drive-through attendant was serving a customer when a male subject approached the drive-up window and asked if he could have the customer’s car. The customer told him “No” so the subject began used car shopping in the Taco John’s parking lot. The subject was showing interest in the drive-through attendant’s vehicle. Another Taco John’s employee went outside to confront the subject who had gained access to his co-worker’s car. The suspect was seated behind the steering wheel attempting to sort keys to turn the ignition. The suspect walked away after being told that the car was not his. The police were subsequently dispatched. The suspect was located after fitting the description by an officer near the Four Season’s Center. The suspect was read his rights and questioned about his activity. The suspect said he was a contestant of a game show and was looking to take a car to his next destination. A Steele County Deputy arrived and determined the suspect was also the owner and driver of a hit and run accident that occurred earlier in the day on Highway 14W. The suspect ultimately admitted to officers that he crashed his car then fled the scene. The suspect, Scott Allan Faue, 39 years of age, was arrested and charged in Steele County District Court with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Tampering with a Motor Vehicle and Driving after Cancellation Inimical To Public Safety. Mr. Faue remains in custody at the Steele County Detention Center.