New Beginnings

On Thursday, June 16th, after 20 1/2 years with the Owatonna Police Department, we said goodbye to long time Corporal Investigator John Petterson. John has resigned from the police department to take his considerable investigative talents to the private sector. John began his career in law enforcement working for the Tyler, MN Police Department. John was hired by the Owatonna Police Department on January 2, 1991 and has served as a patrol officer, canine handler, narcotics investigator and school resource officer and in May of 2003 was promoted to the rank of Corporal Investigator. Goodbye good friend and we wish you luck in the next chapter of your life.

Prescription Forgery

Prescription related offenses remain an area of concern for the department as we continue to see more and more of these crimes being reported in the city. On June 14, 2011, the Owatonna Police Department was contacted by Sterling Drug regarding a suspected altered prescription. Owatonna patrol officers conducted the investigation and learned that a prescription for the Schedule II controlled substance Ritalin had been altered to extend the length of the prescription. Investigation revealed the prescription claimant was going to be picking the prescription up between 7:15-7:45 p.m. later that day. Owatonna officers arrived at Sterling Drug at 7:00 p.m. to wait for the claimant who did show up to pick up her prescription. The suspect, Judith A. Brockmiller, age 53, was arrested as she was waiting for her prescription in the drive-thru. Brockmiller was transported to the Steele County Detention Center as was formally charged with 5th Degree Procurement/Possessing/Control Over a Controlled Substance and Aggravated Forgery; both charges are felonies.

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On June 14, 2011 at approximately 6:23 a.m. an off-duty Owatonna Police Officer was on his way to work when he observed a vehicle traveling in front of him in an erratic manner. The officer radioed his observations into other officers who were preparing to go off-duty. The vehicle was located on Hoffman Drive by an on-duty officer and he also observed the vehicle driving erratically all over the roadway. The officer stopped the vehicle and noticed the female driver was showing signs of impairment; she had a hard time keeping her eyes open, had slurred speech and red, watery eyes. The female was asked to perform roadside field sobriety tests of which she failed. The officer placed the female under arrest on suspicion for driving under the influence of a controlled substance after learning of her prescription drug use and finding controlled substances in the vehicle. Marilyn K. Peters, age 56, was formally charged in District Court on four counts, including: 3rd Degree DWI-Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, Careless Driving, Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.