All in the Family—
On Wednesday afternoon, Owatonna officers were called to a home for a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers learned that the vehicle owner had given her keys to her son to get some property out of the car. A short time later, she looked outside and saw that her vehicle was now missing and the son was nowhere to be seen. Our officers were familiar with the suspect and knew he had an association on South Cedar Ave. Officers checked the location and found the vehicle unoccupied. Shortly thereafter, the son appeared from a residence and began walking toward the car. When confronted, the son denied taking the car, didn’t know why it was parked at that location, but produced the keys from his pocket. The son was arrested and jailed. Hector Rocha, age 25 of Lino Lakes, was charged with Motor Vehicle Theft and Receiving Stolen Property.

Weapons Offense—
On Sunday afternoon, Owatonna officers were called to downtown Owatonna to the Family Dollar Store for an assault call. Responding officers learned a knife-wielding female had threatened a patron in the store. The victim and witnesses reported the suspect entering the store and approaching a female victim. The suspect was waving the folding knife and yelling that she was going to get the [victim]. Another patron pushed a shopping cart between the suspect and victim and the suspect left the store. The suspect was located outside the store and after a brief struggle, was detained and later arrested. A witnessed reported the knife used in the attack was left in a nearby vehicle—the knife used was later identified and seized as evidence. Jazmyne A. Shinabarger, age 25 of New Richland, was jailed and has been charged with 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. There were no injuries as a result of this assault.

Another Stolen Car—
Late Wednesday night, one of our officers spotted a suspicious vehicle parked behind the Microtel Hotel. The vehicle was running, occupied and the officer noted a butane lighter commonly used to smoke narcotics being lit inside the vehicle. The vehicle left the lot, followed by the officer and was stopped for moving violations. When the officer met with the driver, he determined the driver was not the owner of the car. The officer placed a call to the owner who indicated she didn’t let anyone borrow the car and the keys should be hanging in her house. She indicated the driver was her roommate, but she never gave permission to drive the car because he doesn’t have a driver’s license. When the suspect was interviewed, he acknowledged he took the car without permission and that his roommate has never let him drive the car because he doesn’t have a license. Jaren L. Aas, age 43 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with Motor Vehicle Theft and Driving after Revocation.

In Honor of Fallen Officers—

As a Reminder—

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