**Weekly Highlights**

**Friday, Mar 3 to Thursday, Mar 9**

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Thursday — 163 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM — 68 events
- **Total # of Events:** 878
- **Average Events/Day:** 125.43
- **Average Events/ Hour:** 5.23
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .59 per hour
- **DWIs for the week:** 0

**Website Design**

We want to hear from you! The City of Owatonna is in the beginning stages of updating our [website](#). The City values your feedback. Your input regarding the navigation of the site, the flow of information, the ease of finding the information you need, and the look of the site is not only important to us, but will help us determine future site improvements. To help us determine what improvements you’d like, we invite you to take a short survey by clicking [here](#).

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**Just the Facts**

**March 10, 2017**

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**Suspicious Circumstances, Shooting Solved**—On March 3rd at 00:44 a.m., officers were dispatched to the rear of the Dog Pound Bar for a shooting. As officers arrived, they found a 32-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the left arm. The victim claims he was shot with a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol while trying to disarm a man outside the bar, that he believed had intentions to cause harm to someone inside the bar. In a struggle to disarm the suspect, the victim was shot below the left shoulder, the suspect fled. The victim was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Officers recovered the victim’s bloody clothing and a .22 caliber bullet at the scene; however, the spent cartridge was not found. Further investigation led detectives to interview the victim as the perpetrator in the case. During a search of the victim’s vehicle, which was parked at the scene of the shooting, officers found a .22 caliber revolver. One spent (fired) round was found in the cylinder of the firearm. The victim confessed to shooting himself with his firearm by accident and was embarrassed, so he made up the false allegations. There were no witnesses to this incident. A formal complaint is being sought against the 32-year-old Waseca man for making a false police report. Additional charges may also stem from this incident.

**Crack Windshield Stop Results in Felony Drug Charges**—On Tuesday morning, an Owatonna officer stopped a vehicle for a cracked windshield. The passenger, Carrie Cook, who is the owner of the car was not driving due to a suspended driver’s license. Cook presented an invalid insurance card and the officer learned the auto insurance policy was cancelled. Cook’s record reveals two prior no insurance convictions in 2016. The officer arrested Cook for this offense. During an inventory search, glass pipes clouded with a white substance were found, in addition to a safe containing 2.01 grams and 1.2 grams of a white powder, as well as .8 grams of a rock-like substance—all testing positive for methamphetamine. Carrie Cook, 39 of Morris-town, was formally charged with no insurance & 5th degree possession of a controlled substance. Cook’s vehicle, a 2006 Hyundai Santa Fe, was held for forfeiture based on the drug charges.

A formal complaint was also issued this week against Carrie Cook and Joseph Deleon for check forgery and offering a forged check—both felonies stemming from incidents one month ago. The officer investigating this case identified Deleon and Cook as the suspects passing forged checks from the victim’s bank account on February 7th for $900 and on February 8th for $750. Cook was in custody from an unrelated matter and Deleon has been issued an order to appear.

**More Trouble**—On Monday at 2:44 p.m., officers were dispatched to 327 N. Grove Avenue for a disturbance. Upon the officer’s arrival, they could hear a female crying hysterically. Once they were allowed inside, they learned a female at the residence alleged she had locked herself in a bedroom because she had been beaten by Abdul-Zahir and not allowed to leave for three days. She reports that Abdul-Zahir, her boyfriend of five months, took her EBT card and has no money. An argument followed and Abdul-Zahir allegedly threw a wooden chair at her and began to punch her with his fists. Then, Abdul-Zahir made threatening statements while choking her causing her to lose control of her bladder. Based on Abdul-Zahir’s prior record, he was charged with three felony counts of domestic assault—fear, harm and strangulation.

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