Dynamic Duo Foiled—

On March 12th, Owatonna officers were called to Kohl’s for a shoplifting in progress call. It was reported that two females were loading multiple items into bags and were not checking prices or sizes—loss prevention felt they were going to steal the items. An Owatonna detective arrived on scene first and was notified that the females had not paid for the merchandise and were heading toward the door; the detective observed the females exiting the store and running toward an awaiting car. The detective ran toward the car to stop the females; however, they got to their car and sped away rapidly. Uniformed officers and the detective were able to stop the vehicle and detained the two suspects. A search of their vehicle lead to the recovery of $1300 worth of Kohl’s property. Dynasty Kazee, age 24, and Lynaetta Parker, age 24, both from Milwaukee, were arrested & jailed and face felony theft charges.

911 and Cell phones—

Minnesota residents and visitors should be prepared to provide specific location information when calling 911 from a cell phone, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Emergency Communication Networks. Cell phones are creating ongoing challenges for 911 call takers as they wait for the carriers to implement improved location information technology. Minnesota 911 call centers handled nearly three million calls in 2014, with 80 percent of those calls for help being made from wireless phones. According to Jackie Mines, director of Emergency Communication Networks, “All 911 call centers in Minnesota have the ability to receive location information as long as the carriers are able to provide it.” When a 911 call is placed using a traditional land line, the 911 call taker can instantly see the address connected to that phone, including the floor, apartment or suite number in a multi-unit building. That is not the case with cell phones. DPS/ECN recommends callers using phones other than traditional land lines to:

- Immediately provide the 911 call taker with precise location information.
- Stay on the line when they are unable to verbally communicate their location. Call takers can use various tools in the 911 call center to further refine a caller’s location.

The MN DPS has produced a video that discusses the best practices for consumers making 911 calls on phones other than traditional land lines. To view the video, click here.

Residential Burglary Arrest—

In an earlier issue of Just the Facts we reported on two residential burglars arrested after they were confronted by a home owner. Based off those arrests, detectives were able to link that case to a home burglary that took place in January in the 1100 block of Ridge Rd. In the Ridge Rd. case, unbeknownst to the home owner that a burglary was taking place at his residence, he arrived home and startled the burglars who fled out of the back door. Detectives were able to identify the suspect and during an interview, he admitted to being inside the home and fleeing when the home owner was trying to get inside the house. Brandon L. Stevermer, age 20, was arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Burglary—a felony and Theft—a misdemeanor.