SCDIU Puts Heroin Dealer out of Business—

On March 14th, the South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) culminated an investigation on a male subject residing in Owatonna and selling heroin. The events on the 14th started when agents with the SCDIU, with the assistance of an informant, were able to purchase $1000 worth of heroin from a subject residing at 429 16th Street NE. Once the deal was completed, agents had purchased 12 baggies of presumptive positive heroin weighing a total of 5.1 grams. Subsequent to the heroin purchase, a search warrant was obtained for the subject’s residence. The SCDIU tactical team made forcible entry into the suspect’s residence where he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect, Thomas R. Gibson, was placed under arrest and transported to the Steele County Detention Center. A search of Gibson’s residence produced further evidence of his alleged crimes, including a digital scale, $3840 dollars in cash—which included the $1000 buy funds the agents used to purchase the heroin. In addition, nine additional baggies of heroin were found concealed in a popcorn salt container. Thomas Gibson was formally charged with 3rd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and 2nd Degree Sale of a Controlled Substance. He also faces an additional 2nd Degree Sales charge resulting from heroin sales in October and November of 2013.

A Case Against Legalization-Have we Really Lost the War on Drugs—

» Is reducing drug use by 50% over the last 40 years a failure?
» Is the fact that a high school senior in 2008 is half as likely to be a current marijuana user as those seniors in 1978 a failure?
» Is the reduction of youth drug use by 24% in the last decade a failure?
» Is the fact that - 91% of our people 12 years or older don’t use drugs a failure?
» Is the fact that - in Colorado, meth labs and thus related drug-endangered children went from over 300 to fewer than 15 a year a failure?
» Is the fact that less than .6% (1.6 million) of our population use cocaine, .2% (500,000) use methamphetamine and only .01% (200,000) people use heroin a failure?

No Contact Really Means No Contact—

On March 12th, our officers were called to 545 State Avenue for the report of a male suspect making threats and violating an Order for Protection. Our arriving officers were told the victim was locked in a bathroom to avoid the suspect. Investigating officers learned an argument took place between the suspect and victim and the suspect threatened to come after the victim. The victim tried to use a phone to call for help, but the suspect grabbed the victim’s wrist to get the telephone from the victim—the suspect then left the residence. Officers observed a bruise on the victim’s wrist to corroborate the victim’s story. Officers also determined there was an Order for Protection in place between the suspect and victim that specified there was to be no acts of domestic abuse between the suspect and victim. The suspect tried to use a phone to call for help, but the suspect grabbed the victim’s wrist to get the telephone from the victim—the suspect then left the residence. Officers observed a bruise on the victim’s wrist to corroborate the victim’s story. Officers also determined there was an Order for Protection in place between the victim and suspect that specified there was to be no acts of domestic abuse between the suspect and victim. The suspect was located a short while later in the same building and placed under arrest. Anthony J. Moore was later formally charged with Violating an Order for Protection and Domestic Abuse—both felonies.