You Never Know Who’s Gonna Come a Knockin—

On Thursday afternoon, the department began receiving calls of door to door sales people selling window cleaning products. One such call took place in the northeast side of town near 7th Avenue and 12th Street. Our officers located the suspect selling the products and he provided his name...well provided a name. He wasn’t in possession of a permit to sell in the city, telling our officers that his supervisor had the permit. While the offices were confirming his identity, the suspect was seated on a curb. The suspect’s supervisor arrived on scene shortly thereafter when the suspect suddenly got to his feet and began running from the scene. He was captured after a short foot pursuit but kept resisting our officer. During the resistance, the suspect punched an officer in the mouth and grabbed hold of the officers Taser and tried pointing the Taser at the officer. Dynell J. Miller, age 23, was placed under arrest and brought to jail. He has been charged with several crimes, including, 4th Degree Assault of a Police Officer, Obstructing the Legal Process, Providing a False Name to a Police Officer and Fleeing a Police Officer and Foot. Dynell also has a current felony level warrant out the State of California. As a reminder to all— all door to door sales people are required to have in their possession a license issued by the City of Owatonna. If the sales person indicates his/her supervisor has the permit, contact the police immediately so we can investigate their activity.

Armed and Dangerous Offender Jailed—

On May 23rd, Sergeant Tracy DuChene and Reserve Officer Dan Peach made the department’s annual visit to McKinley Elementary School during their yearly ice cream social. The event was a great opportunity for Sergeant DuChene and Reserve Officer Peach to continue to build relationships with the students and their families and to also serve up some ice cream treats!

Car Prowlers—

As the weather warms, one thing can be certain... car prowlers. We are beginning to see more of these types of calls being reported. Theft is a crime of opportunity—don’t allow yourself the opportunity to be victimized. Consider the following steps to protect yourself and your property—

• Please be alert to suspicious activity and don’t hesitate to call 911 to report it. This includes strangers walking or loitering about your neighborhoods, apparent juveniles out after curfew, vehicles you don’t recognize circling your neighborhood, or sounds such as glass breaking or loud banging.

• Make note of suspicious people and/or vehicle(s) and obtain license plate numbers when possible.

• Don’t leave valuables unsecured or in plain view within the vehicle.

• Consider parking your vehicle in well-lit locations.

Within the first two weeks of publishing, the Owatonna Police Department’s Annual Report has gone international! With almost 1,000 views so far, the report has made it around the world to such places as China and India. We are extremely proud of the services provided by everyone in the department and if you would like to see what they were up to last year, you can view the annual report by clicking on the picture shown to the right.