Stabbing Suspect Jailed—At 10:43 on Thursday morning, officers and detectives responded to Skyline Gardens to a stabbing incident. When the officers arrived, they found a 36 year old female victim, conscious, with stab wounds to her back, abdomen and face. The assailant, Ron Jaeger, the ex-boyfriend to the victim, fled the scene in a silver Nissan Altima. Deputies in Dodge County and the State Patrol stopped Jaeger and arrested him on probable cause. OPD took custody of Jaeger and his vehicle in Dodge County. Subsequent search warrants were done by detectives to search and process the residence where the stabbing occurred and the vehicle that Jaeger fled in. OPD’s K9 did an article search and found two cell phones in a ditch that were discarded by the assailant as he fled the area. Detectives found a knife in the vehicle that was used in the attack. Jaeger was formally charged with 2nd Degree Attempted Murder and 1st Degree Assault.

First Date—On Saturday, May 27th at 5:28 p.m., OPD officers were dispatched to investigate a theft of a wallet and credit card transaction fraud. The persons involved in this case were identified as Daniel Moller and Tawna Marie Johnson. Moller saw Johnson outside Cash Wise Liquor Store and offered her a ride home; meanwhile, they agreed to a date. They drove off and parked behind 421 State Avenue. Johnson was short on cash so Moller agreed to give her $40 in exchange for sexual favors. After Johnson left, Moller realized his wallet, credit cards and checkbooks were missing. Johnson made three transactions using Moller’s credit card for a total of $73.31. Once officers located Johnson later that evening, she was found in possession of Moller’s wallet and a meth pipe. During the transport to jail, she tried to discard Moller’s credit cards that she had concealed on her person. The officer met Moller at the LEC who then identified his wallet and credit cards that the officer recovered from Johnson. Although embarrassed, Moller confessed to engaging in prostitution with Johnson. Moller was arrested and charged with Prostitution, a gross misdemeanor. Johnson was arrested and charged with gross misdemeanor counts of Prostitution in a Public Place, Fifth Degree Controlled Substance, Financial Transaction Card Fraud, and a misdemeanor Theft.

Simulation Training

On May 22nd the Owatonna Police Explorers assisted the Owatonna Fire Department with a mass casualty accident simulation. The simulation took place at Mike’s Repair where a school bus rolled and multiple vehicles struck the bus. The Police Explorers played the role of injured passengers.

The Owatonna Fire Department had to triage and extricate victims. The Owatonna Police Explorers are any student residing in Steele County between the ages of 14-21 that wish to explore a career in law enforcement. The program coincides with the school year. To apply or inquire about the program, contact Owatonna Sergeant Jason Petterson at 774-7223.