This Harassment has to Stop—

On Friday evening, a female victim called to report she was being harassed by a male suspect—the female caller also reported the harasser was a wanted person. Two Owatonna officers located the suspect in Central Park and placed him under arrest for outstanding warrants from Freeborn, Mower and Rice Counties. Subsequent to the arrest, the male was found to be in possession of a small pouch that contained a pipe with white residue and a small amount of a crystal substance—presumptive methamphetamine. Paul A. Treganza, age 53, faces additional 5th Degree Controlled Substance charges in addition to his warrants.

Registration Violation Leads to Drug Charges—

On Sunday afternoon, an Owatonna officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. During the stop, a male passenger offered his identification information which revealed an outstanding warrant. The male was placed under arrest and in doing so, a small wooden box was uncovered that contained presumptive methamphetamine. The officer received consent to search the rest of the car and located a red gym bag in the backseat. Inside the gym bag, the officer found an ID card that belonged to a backseat passenger in the car, syringes, baggies and pipe which tested positive for methamphetamine. Subsequently, the back seat passenger was also arrested. The front seat passenger, Justin R. Luhan, age 25, and the backseat passenger, Joshua D. Watkins, age 29, were both formally charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—felonies.

Kash, Coming at you Live—

Our canine, Kash, made a couple of live appearances this week—the first on Wednesday evening at the Have a Safe Children’s Safety Fair event held at the Four Seasons Center and the second on Thursday morning at Willow Creek School. At both events, Kash’s handler, Officer John Petterson, gave a demonstration of Kash’s unique skills, including narcotics detection, handler protection and apprehension. The photo shows Kash demonstrating an apprehension drill with Detective Matt Oeltjenbruns.

Poor Judgement Land Two in Jail—

On May 28th, an Owatonna officer was conducting a court imposed curfew check on a juvenile residing in Owatonna. When he arrived at the juvenile’s residence, he observed a male exit a parked car and enter the home. The officer met with the juvenile’s mother and confirmed he was home; the officer also learned the juvenile male exiting the car had been smoking marijuana in the car. Officers identified a female who still occupied the car. While speaking with the female, the officer observed marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed additional marijuana, marijuana wax and paraphernalia. In an interview, the female admitted to knowing the juvenile was on curfew restrictions, smoking marijuana with the juvenile and what they were doing was illegal. Kourtney A. Hendrickson, age 20, was arrested and charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor—a gross misdemeanor, Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The juvenile was also arrested and faces drug possession charges.