Check Forger Nabbed

Over the course of the past five days, Deborah Henning (Fox) racked up $473.37 of merchandise at local stores from a counterfeit checking account in the name of an Owatonna couple. Henning was identified after trying to pass a counterfeit check to the clerk. Police caught up to her as she left the store and began to drive off. A search of the car revealed counterfeit check book and other financial documents. During that search, the officer found a loaded syringe, scale and a glass pipe—both with a white powdery substance on it, which field tested positive for methamphetamine, she was subsequently arrested. The officer, also partnered with a narcotics detection dog, alerted on the passenger side door. A further more detailed search of the vehicle revealed 2000 grams or 4.4 pounds of methamphetamine.

Traffic Stops Nets Big Results—On June 22nd, an OPD officer stopped a vehicle traveling on highway 14E at 76 MPH. The driver pulled over at the County Rd. 45 S. Cedar exit. During the officer’s investigation, the driver was arrested for driving after cancellation—inimical to public safety (DAC-IPS), which means this driver has multiple DWI convictions on his record. The driver, Shawn Reilly of Rochester, was transported to the Steele County Jail. The officer then met with a female passenger and was given consent to search her personal belongings. During that search, the officer found a loaded syringe, scale and a glass pipe—both with a white powdery substance on it, which field tested positive for methamphetamine, she was subsequently arrested. The officer, also partnered with a narcotics detection dog, alerted on the passenger side door. A further more detailed search of the vehicle revealed 2000 grams or 4.4 pounds of methamphetamine. A sum of $1,060.00 dollars in cash was seized between the two arrestees. Reilly faces charges for 1st degree controlled substance, driving after cancellation-IPS, and speeding. The passenger, Katie Johnson of Waseca, faces charges for 5th degree controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Summer Picnic—On Tuesday evening, Community Service Officer Tommy Adams, along with Gold Cross and the Owatonna Fire Department were invited to attend the Big Brothers Big Sisters summer picnic to give vehicle demonstrations. As a tradition to connect with the youth, CSO Adams gave the kids a chance to get an inside look at a police vehicle.

Night to Unite—Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in August. This year we will be celebrating Night to Unite (NTU) on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. The Owatonna Police Department encourages you to participate in this great celebration of community, crime prevention, and strong police/community partnerships. Celebrating MINNESOTA NIGHT TO UNITE with Owatonna Police Department and your neighbors is a positive way to build and nurture our community. Night to Unite is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts, and most importantly it is a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community. Night to Unite is a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community. Night to Unite is a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community.

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