Vandals Strike Owatonna—

This past week vandals have hit residential areas in southwest Owatonna, near the areas of McKinley and Linn Avenue and in northeast Owatonna, near the areas of Greenhaven Lane. The vandals in southwest Owatonna were spray painting personal property and puncturing tires. The vandals in the northeast were damaging mailboxes and landscaping lighting. Witnesses observed three juveniles in the area of Countyview and Greenhaven during the early morning hours on the 24th; however, the juveniles were not apprehended nor have they been identified. The juveniles were estimated to be between 12-13 years old. As a property owner, what can you do?

- 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.
- Record descriptions of suspicious people and/or vehicle(s) and obtain license plate numbers when possible.

Fleeing Cyclist Arrested—

Late Monday morning, Owatonna officers were called to 246 East Broadway for two males fighting in a yard. When the officers arrived, they didn’t find a fight, but a male sitting on a bike talking to a female. As the officers went to speak with the couple, the male fled on his bicycle—officers yelled for him to stop, but he kept peddling faster. Fortunately for us, the top speed of a squad car is slightly faster than a bike and after a short pursuit, the suspect was apprehended. As the case unfolded, the fleeing male was involved in an altercation with another male who was not located. The fleeing suspect, Tyjuan L. Williams, age 26, was arrested and charged with Fleeing a Police Officer. He was also in possession of a small amount of marijuana and charged with that too.

Bar Disturbance Lands One in Jail—

On Thursday night at approximately 11:00 PM, Owatonna officers were called the Dog Pound Bar for the report of a fight and restraining order violation. Upon arrival, the first responding officer observed a crowd of patrons standing outside and a male and female shouting. As he approached, the male began to walk away. The officer spoke with the owner of the bar who indicated the male walking away was the problem and she has a restraining order against him. The officer went to speak with the male who elected to flee from the area. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect began resisting officers before being secured in handcuffs. Later investigation determined the restraining order had been lifted; however, the suspect, a 50 year old male, was arrested for Fleeing on Foot and Obstructing the Legal Process.