Search Warrants Leads to Two Arrests—

On April 23rd, the South Central Drug Investigations Unit (SCDIU,) in conjunction with several other task forces, conducted a controlled buy of approximately one pound of methamphetamines from a mobile home in the Skyline Gardens Mobile Home Park. The following day, the SCDIU Tactical Team executed a search warrant at the same residence. During the course of the search, two adults were taken into custody and transported to the Steele County Detention Center. A search of the residence uncovered approximately four pounds of crystal methamphetamines. Adalit M. Antonio, age 36, was formally charged in District Court with 1st Degree Sale of a Controlled Substance and 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Maria Del Consuelo Garcia, age 42, was formally charged in District Court with 1st Degree Conspiracy to Commit a Controlled Substance Sale Crime and 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—all charges are felonies.

Department News—

The City of Owatonna pays tribute to their retiring employees by planting a tree on city property to recognize the retiree’s service to the community. On Friday, April 25th, a tree was planted at Jaycee Park to honor recently retired Administrative Assistant Cheryl Pfeifer. In the picture below, Cheryl and her husband John are standing next to Cheryl’s recently planted tree.

Friday marks the last day for Community Service Officer Chet Macht. Chet has been with the city since November, primarily working in the school district at the Owatonna Junior High. Chet’s leaving us, but he won’t have to travel far; Chet has been hired as a patrol deputy with the Steele County Sheriff’s Office. Good luck Chet!

The Owatonna Police Department is accepting applications for Reserve Officers. Reserve Officers are volunteer positions that assist the police department with various duties. Applications are due May 7, 2014 and can be picked up during regular business hours at the Law Enforcement Center located at 204 E Pearl Street. For more information about our Reserve Officers programs, click here. Questions can be directed to Pam Roberts at 774-7200 or pamelia.roberts@ci.owatonna.mn.us.