Vehicle Pursuit Lands Driver in Jail—

On Saturday night, just after midnight, an Owatonna officer observed a vehicle on Hoffman Drive near I-35 with a registration violation. The officer intended to stop the vehicle, but before he could, it got onto the interstate in the construction zone and then the Highway 14 East construction zone. When the officer got into a safe location to make the stop, the driver had other ideas; he fled away when the officer hit the lights. The suspect led the officer and other assisting Owatonna officers on a pursuit that led them through south Owatonna, the downtown area to the area of W. Bridge St. Despite operating only on two functional tires, the pursuit lasted until the suspect failed to make a turn on Bridge St. and Allen Ave. and crashed into a tree and sign. After crashing, the driver drove into two police cars trying to flee again before finally surrendering at gun point. Arron B. Zuckman, age 21, was arrested and jailed. Zuckman was formally charged with 2nd Degree Assault, Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, Driving after Revocation and Criminal Damage to Property. Thankfully, this pursuit occurred at a time when there was very limited motorist traffic on our roadways—none of the officers or Zuckman were injured in this pursuit.

Three Jailed in Vodka Theft—

Owatonna cars were called to JB Liquor for a reported theft late Monday afternoon. Officers learned a bottle of vodka had been stolen and when fleeing, one of the suspects had dropped a gun. Officers located two suspects in the 300 block of South Oak entering a car. When confronted, one male was found in possession of a controlled substance and the other was seated in the location where a handgun was found. The investigation lead to a residence where officers found the stolen liquor and presumptive methamphetamine. Three individuals were arrested and jailed—Mohamed Mohamed, age 27, was charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; and Dak L. Ret, age 19 was charged with Illegal Possession of a Pistol & Theft; and Denasha R. Sutton, age 18, was charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.