Stolen Gun Recovered

A .45 caliber handgun that was stolen mid-June from a vehicle on S. Oak Avenue in Owatonna turned up during a search warrant by the drug task force on Wednesday. Our agents working the case were conducting surveillance for possible drug activity occurring at 204 ½ N. Oak Avenue. Acting under a search warrant, agents found marijuana and a loaded handgun in a bedroom closet. A serial number search confirmed the gun was stolen. Alexander Jay Brown, 22 of Owatonna, admitted to knowing the gun was stolen and being in possession of it. Brown is a convicted felon and charged with Possession of Firearms/Ammo after conviction of a crime of violence.

As summer break is coming to an end, many students will be along the curbs and crosswalks waiting for a bus or walking to school. Motorists need to be reminded to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and to stop for school buses with flashing red lights and extended stop arms. Pedestrians have rules to follow also.

**Crosswalks:** Absent a traffic control signal, the law says the driver of a vehicle shall stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has passed the lane in which the vehicle is stopped. A vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

**School Safety Patrols:** It is unlawful to drive a vehicle through a column of school children crossing a street or past a member of a school safety patrol holding an official signal in a stop position while directing the movement of children.

**Motorists Beware**

**Pedestrians** are subject to the laws also. The law says no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than a marked crosswalk or intersection with no marked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

**School Bus Stop Arm:** When a school bus is stopped on a street or highway and is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The vehicle driver shall not move until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing. Stiffer penalties occur when a driver passes or attempts to pass the school bus on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus; and/or when a school child is outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

Reoffender Back in Jail—A 16 year old victim of a recent sexual assault reported that her offender—Jacob Salisbury, on conditions of release, contacted her through Facebook under an alias name. The two met downtown and they walked on the path toward Morehouse Park. When they were under the bridge at West Bridge Street, Salisbury pulled his pants down exposing his genitals and asked the victim to perform a sexual act on him. Salisbury was arrested following this incident and charged with violating a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) and Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fifth Degree for Lewd Exhibition in the presence of a minor.