A Leisurely Ride to Jail—

On Labor Day morning, Owatonna officers were called to Fleet Farm for an alarm sounding. When they arrived, they located a vehicle backed up to a loading dock with its tailgate down. The officers spoke to the driver who was reportedly making a delivery. Officers could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed marijuana inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Subsequently, the officers searched the vehicle and located a baggie that contained 7 bindles of a rock-like substance and later tested presumptive positive as cocaine—collectively, the seven bindles contained 3.89 grams of cocaine and an additional 4.27 grams of marijuana were also recovered from the vehicle. Dammario D. T. Lesure, age 38, was arrested and jailed. He has been formally charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession Marijuana in a motor vehicle. Lesure’s vehicle, a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, was seized and is subject to forfeiture.

Department News—

This Friday, the Owatonna Police Department will say good-bye to a good friend as Officer Emily Ammentorp will be leaving us for another opportunity with Hennepin County. Emily has been with us since August 2014 and has been working as a patrol officer since her hire. Emily was also assigned as a liaison to the City of Owatonna Landlord Association working with rental property owners. We wish Emily good luck as she embarks on her next journey!

21 means 21—

Late Sunday night, an Owatonna officer observed an occupied vehicle in Morehouse Park after park closing hours. The officer investigated and found an 18-year old female—he also observed she had been drinking. The female advised she picked up a male from the metro area and brought him back to Owatonna to meet a 15-year old female. The male brought along a bottle of vodka and pressured her to take shots. The male was later located elsewhere in the park with the 15-year old. He later admitted to supplying the alcohol to the underage girls and knew the legal drinking age to be 21-years old. Edgar C. Cabrera, age 24, was arrested and formally charged with Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor—a gross misdemeanor.

Heading off to School—

Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians and cyclists face a wide variety of decision making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard—never cross the street against a light, even if you don’t see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material—it makes you more visible to street traffic.

CITIZEN’S ACADEMY—

This year, the Citizen’s Police Academy will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center beginning on Monday, September 25, 2017 through November 13, 2017. The academy is designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Owatonna Police Department and its day to day operations. Applications for this year’s class will be accepted through September 21, 2017. For more information, contact Captain Eric Rethemeier at 507-774-7203, Captain Jeff Mundale at 507-774-7202 or click here to apply.

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