Duo Arrested in Drug Raid—

On September 11th, the South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) and the Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force came together to execute a search warrant at 615 Carlianna Place in Owatonna. Assisted by the SCDIU tactical team and the Owatonna Police Department, the warrant was executed and a baggie containing 1.8 grams of presumptive positive methamphetamine was located and as a result, a male and female were arrested. A further search of the residence uncovered an additional 192 grams of presumptive positive methamphetamine and several firearms. One firearm, a Smith & Wesson handgun, was reported stolen by the Eagle Grove Police Department in Iowa. Lastly, a scale and pay/owe ledger, commonly used to document drug and currency exchanges, was uncovered in a safe.

Driving after Cancellation—

This past week, our officers took two drivers off our roadways who pose a harmful threat to public safety. Late Monday afternoon, an officer observed a car traveling at a high rate of speed on Park Drive. He turned around and followed the vehicle to a Viracon parking lot where he observed the driver exit the vehicle. The officer knew the driver and that he had a cancelled license—the driver was arrested and jailed. The following evening on the 15th, an officer stopped a vehicle on Lemond Road for an equipment and driving violation. When the officer met with the driver and ran his driver's license, he learned the driver was cancelled. He was also arrested and upon searching the vehicle located an open can of beer which had spilled over the passenger seat. Adam A. Techau, age 37 and Troy D. Shaske, age 51 were both formally charged with Driving after Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety—gross misdemeanors. A person is defined as inimical (harmful) to public safety for three or more impaired driving offenses in ten years or four impaired driving offenses in a lifetime.

Officer Assaulted—

During the early morning hours on Tuesday, our officers were called to 205 21st St NW for a possible suicide attempt. On arrival, they were confronted by a male and attempted to get him to calm down. An officer stepped in front of the male to prevent him from pulling away from other officers and placed his hand on the male's chest to prevent him from moving forward. As the officer did this, the male head-butted the officer on the nose. Lee Daniel Efta, age 39, was arrested and jailed. He was formally charged with 3rd Degree Assault of a Police Officer—both felonies. As a result of the assault, the officer suffered a nasal fracture.

City of Owatonna Landlord Association (COLA)—

Officer Adam Hennen has been assigned to work with COLA as a police liaison and a Crime Free Multi Housing (CFMH) coordinator. CFMH is a crime prevention program geared toward rental properties and offered to COLA members to assist landlords and apartment managers take proactive measures to protect their property and their tenants. On Thursday, Adam gave a presentation to the group at a training session held at the police department.