Absconded Work Release Suspect Jailed for Robbery—
On Saturday evening, Owatonna officers were called to the Casey General Store on State Avenue in response to a panic alarm. When officers arrived, they learned the store had just been robbed and the suspect fled on foot. A black male had entered the store and told the clerk to give him all the money. When the clerk was taking too long, the suspect reached over the counter and started grabbing money out of the cash register. Officers broadcast a description of the suspect and a short time later, an Owatonna sergeant spotted a male subject matching the suspect description sitting in the entryway to the Kernel Restaurant. The suspect looked at the officer and abruptly stood up and ran into the restaurant. Kernel staff directed the sergeant to the restroom where he encountered the suspect and detained him. While identifying the suspect, the sergeant learned the suspect was wanted for failing to return to the Steele County Detention Center while on work release. The sergeant also found the suspect had $277 in cash in his shorts pockets; the cash was all bundled together in a similar fashion as reported taken from Casey’s and the same amount. In addition, two small baggies were found in the suspects pockets which contained a white residue which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamines. Shayne D. Bowers, age 24, was arrested and brought back to jail. He was later formally charged with Simple Robbery, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—felonies and Theft—a misdemeanor.

Domestic Dispute Leads to Drug Arrest—
On September 12th over the noon hour, Owatonna officers were called to Mineral Springs Park for a verbal domestic. When an officer arrived, he found an unoccupied vehicle parked in the lot with its door standing open, a tipped over trash can and an adult male exiting the men’s restroom—shortly thereafter, the officer observed an adult female exit the men’s restroom. The officer was familiar with the male and knew he was currently wanted on an outstanding warrant for a 5th degree controlled substance crime. The male was placed under arrest and when the officer went to handcuff him, observed he was holding a glass pipe in his hand. The pipe contained residual drug residue which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamines. Schuyler D. Caron, age 30, was arrested and formally charged with another 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime—a felony.

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Social Host Enforcement—
On Friday night, officers were called to the 200 block of McKinley for the report of a fist fight and a juvenile party. The first officer to arrive found a group of approximately 30-40 juveniles in the middle of the roadway—they observed the officer and scattered in every direction. A second call was received of another fight in the area which led officers to observing a number of juveniles run into a garage. Contact was made with an occupant in the garage and several underage drinkers located. In all, officers issued six minor consumption citations, three curfew citations and the host was cited for violating the City of Owatonna’s social host ordinance.

Just the Facts

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Weekly Highlights

Friday, Sept. 12 to Thursday, Sept. 18

- Busiest Day of Week: Wednesday—119 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 11:00 PM — 65 events
- Total # of Events: 751
- Average Events/Day: 107.29
- Average Events/Hour: 4.47
- Average Traffic Stops: .49 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 0

Shots Fired Investigation—
On September 13th at approximately 11:49 PM, Owatonna officers were called to the area of the 200 block of East Main Street for the report of shots fired. Investigating officers recovered two spent shell casings in the street; however, they were unable to locate any evidence that any homes or other property was struck. Witnesses reported seeing a dark four-door vehicle leaving the area, but it is unknown whether it was involved. The Owatonna Police Department has few investigative leads in this case and is seeking the public’s help—anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Detective Sergeant Jason Petterson at 507-774-7207.

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