Wanted Subject Leads Officers on a Pursuit in Northwest Owatonna—

On Tuesday afternoon, Owatonna officers met with a female in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center. Officers found the female in the lobby with blood about her face and nose; she was reporting to be the victim of an assault. Officers learned the female had been in Jaycee Park when she was approached by her ex-boyfriend. She tried ignoring him and walking away; however, was grabbed by the hair and prevented from walking away. She pushed her ex-boyfriend away, but was punched three times in the face. When a passerby stopped to assist, the ex-boyfriend ran away. On Thursday afternoon, an Owatonna Officer spotted the suspect walking near the intersection of Bridge Street and Selby Ave. The officer approached the suspect; however, when he tried to apprehend him, the suspect fled on foot. The suspect eluded the officer in a wooded area north of 614 W. Bridge Street, but eventually surrendered without incident to officers who had established a perimeter around Bridge Court apartment complex. Tyluan L. Williams, age 27, was formally charged with Domestic Assault—a gross misdemeanor, 5th Degree Assault and Fleeing a Police Officer on Foot—both misdemeanors.

City of Owatonna Landlord Association—

The mission of the City of Owatonna Landlord Association (COLA) is working together to maintain a safe and clean housing market in Owatonna. The COLA organization works to keep landlords/property owners informed of current trends, updated laws, taxes, industry issues and products and providing a networking forum—it strives to protect business interests of its members at all levels of government and to enhance the property owners’ image in the rental market. On Tuesday, October 7th, the COLA organization will be meeting at Senior Place (500 Dunnell Dr.) at 6:30 PM to talk about some exciting plans for the upcoming year. In attendance will be Captain Jeff Mundale and Fire Chief Mike Johnson. If you are a landlord/property owner, we encourage you to attend.

With Owatonna’s homecoming coming up, it means lots of our youth will be out and about preparing for this fun event. We encourage all of our youth to take an extra few seconds to make certain they and their friends are buckled up before heading out. Low seat belt use contributes to the high number of teenagers and young adults involved in fatal crashes. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety, of the 587 motorists killed in unbelted deaths during 2009-2013, 237 (40 percent) were motorists ages 15-29.

Quick Fact—

During interviews for police officer positions, candidates often state they want to start their career off in a small city. The State of Minnesota has 853 cities. The City of Owatonna is the 34th largest by population. According to the 2013 Uniform Crime Report, the Owatonna Police Department is the 31st largest in Minnesota. Although we are one of the largest cities, the City of Owatonna still feels like a warm and inviting community!