They're Out There—

INIMICAL — in-im-i-cal — /i nimək(ə)/ — adjective: inimical—tending to obstruct or harm

This past week our officers arrested two individuals for driving with a cancelled driver’s license—Inimical to Public Safety (DAC-IPS). What does that mean? In general terms, it means someone is unable to control a motor vehicle without endangering others or the driver has been determined to pose too great a risk to others to allow him/her to continue driving. In Minnesota, this driving status occurs after a person’s 3rd DWI arrest. On Saturday evening, an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and driving down the middle of the road. As the officer approached the car, he observed the driver and passenger switch seats. The officer observed the actual driver of the car was exhibiting signs of intoxication and was later arrested for DWI. The driver had a DAC-IPS drivers license and later refused DWI testing. John E. Felver, age 45 was charged with 2nd Degree DWI-Refusal to Test, 3rd Degree DWI, DAC-IPS and Open Bottle. The next day, an officer stopped a vehicle for speeding—51 in a 40 zone. The officer found this driver was also DAC-IPS and placed her under arrest. Vicky S. Fielding, age 41, was charged with DAC-IPS, a gross misdemeanor. Interestingly, Fielding told the officer that she was fully aware her drivers license had been taken away due to DWIs.

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Cops in the Community—

On Tuesday, August 15th, Community Service Officers Travis Johnson and Colton Ryg paid a visit to Ms. Samantha Miller’s daycare to educate her children about the happenings at the Owatonna Police Department. Some of the summer safety topics they also covered include—wearing a helmet when riding a bike, crossing the street, swimming and seatbelt safety. The kids enjoyed a squad car tour and received junior badge stick- ers. Again, as always, the lights and sirens were a big hit among the kids.

Mission Accomplished—

Thursday afternoon at the fair means one thing around the OPD—watermelon seed spitting. As tradition goes, the OPD takes on the sheriff’s office in a watermelon seed spitting contest to see which agency reigns supreme in this critical component of law enforcement. As luck would have it, we had two accomplished seed slingers on-duty Thursday, Ofc. Michaela Smith and Community Service Officer Travis Johnson and they gave their best effort to best our partners from the county. To amend his less than stellar effort last year, CSO Johnson made amends in a big way with a mighty heave of 29’4” to reclaim the championship for the blue team. Thanks to both officers for being good sports!!

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