**Let's Make a Break For It—**

On Monday evening, Owatonna officers were called to Let's Ride for a report of shoplifters who were fleeing from the store. When our officers arrived, they found a female suspect had been apprehended and was being detained by a Steele County Deputy. Officers learned that a black male and female entered the store and were looking at jeans. Another patron entered the store and an employee was helping him with some boots. The employee heard a commotion near the front of the store and saw the black male and female running out of the store with arms full of jeans. The employee and the boot customer gave chase and were able to catch the female in the Kwik Trip parking lot. Officers arrested Ciayra McMillan from Brooklyn Park, age 19. She was transported to the Steele County Jail and later formally charged with Theft—a felony. In total, the couple attempted to steal 25 pairs of jeans worth $3,437—all of the property was recovered. The male suspect was able to get to an awaiting get-away car and fled the scene—he as not been identified as of yet.

**Social Media Dispute Leads to Arrest—**

On August 7th, our officers were called to a residence for the report of an assault. A mother was reporting her 15-year old son suffered an injury as a result of being assaulted. Officers learned that a dispute took place on Facebook between the victim and another juvenile. The victim reported that the other juvenile, some friends and the other juvenile’s father showed up at his home. Another dispute took place at the home and it was alleged the other juvenile’s father punched the victim in the face—due to the alleged assault, the victim suffered a fracture to a bone in his face. Jeffrey J. Hernandez, age 38, was arrested and later formally charged with 3rd Degree—a felony and 5th Degree assault—a misdemeanor.

**Extra DWI Enforcement—**

As Minnesotans enjoy the final days of summer, motorists are encouraged to keep the celebrating safe and not deadly. To help with the effort, law enforcement will be focusing extra attention on drunk drivers during a DWI enforcement and education campaign Aug. 16 through September 1. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety coordinates the campaign, which is part of a nationwide effort. In the last three years (2011 – 2013), 279 people lost their lives in drunk driving crashes in Minnesota and 81 were killed in 2013 alone. Beyond the fatalities, 2,300 people suffered injuries in alcohol-related crashes last year.

**Department News—**

We are excited to announce that Adam Dupic and Emily Ammentorp will be starting their careers as police officers with the Owatonna Police Department this upcoming week. Adam comes to us from the Sioux Falls, South Dakota area where he was a police officer for six years with the Canton, SD police department. This is Emily’s first police officer position; however, she has related experience as an intern with the St. Cloud Police Department, as a reserve officer with the Plymouth Police Department and has been working in the private security industry. These officers are filling the vacancies created with the retirements of former sergeants Tim Hassing and Deanne von Wald. Both officers will begin working with our field training officers and will be serving the citizens of Owatonna soon. Please help us in welcoming them to the City of Owatonna!