Wanted Robbery Subject Taken off the Streets—

On August 25th, our officers were called to Kohls for the report of two individuals suspected of shoplifting. Loss prevention continued to surveil the individual via security cameras as our officers arrived. As they arrived, one individual was detained while the other fled on foot. The fleeing subject was apprehended and provided our officers with a false name. The officers were able to ascertain the subjects true identity and learned he had an active arrest warrant out of Stearns County, Minnesota for simple robbery. Tristan J. Klemmer, age 19, was arrested and jailed for the warrant. Klemmer was also cited with Theft and Giving a Police Officer a False Name—both misdemeanors.

Disorderly Conduct Charges Filed—

Late Tuesday evening, Owatonna officers were called to a residence in the 100 block of Phelps Avenue for the complaint of a possible fight. When our officers arrived, they observed multiple people in the driveway and people getting into vehicles. One individual in particular came up to an officer with clenched fists—he became agitated and continued to raise his voice louder and louder. Another officer arrived on scene, the agitated male began to yell and swear. Neighbors in the area could hear the yelling and began exiting their homes, indicating they were disturbed by the males conduct. Dammon D. Nailon, age 33, was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. At this same address earlier in the day, one of our officers was investigating a welfare check complaint. While doing so, a pit bull was outside and charged the officer, biting the officer on the arm. This is the second documented bite involving this pit bull owned by Nailon and it has been designated as a dangerous dog. Thankfully, the officer bit by the pit bull only suffered minor injuries.

Park Damage—

We’ve had a few instances of damage in our parks this week. If you have information regarding the damage, please contact Sgt. Jason Petterson at 507-774-7207. You may be eligible for a reward under our Quick 50 program.

Department News—

On August 15th we said goodbye to a great leader in the department when Sergeant Laddie Bata worked his last shift as an Owatonna police officer. Laddie is leaving the department after accepting a position with the Moorhead Police Department. Laddie has served the community since October of 2009, most recently as a patrol sergeant; however he was also involved as a crime scene technician, field training officer, firearms instructor, and SWAT tactical officer. Laddie will be sorely missed, but we wish him the best. Laddie’s position has quickly been filled as Community Service Officer Tommy Adams has been hired to a police officer position. Tommy began working as a police officer on Tuesday and will be working in the field training unit.

Citizen’s Police Academy—

Again this year we will be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy, beginning September 28, 2015 and running through November 16, 2015. The academy is meeting Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Owatonna Police Department and its day to day operations. Applications for this year’s class will be accepted through September 14, 2015. For more information and a link to the application, please click here.