Shooting Suspect Arrested—

Just after midnight last Friday morning, our officers were called to 140 32nd Avenue NW for a shooting. Arriving officers were met by a 47-year old male, a 41-year old female and a 17-year old male. Information was received that a shooting took place at the residence and a 29-year old male had left the scene. Shortly thereafter, we were dispatched to 924 S. Elm Avenue for another weapons call believed to be related to the shooting on 32nd Ave. A vehicle leaving the S. Elm Avenue address was located and found to contain the 29-year old male that left the 32nd Ave. scene—the male suffered a gunshot wound to the leg. The victim reported getting into a confrontation with his father at their home. The father was pointing a gun and indicating that he was going to shoot the victim. The victim grabbed the gun and it went off, the bullet striking him in the leg. The victim fled and heard the gun click a few times and then another shot fired as he ran away. The father, identified as Isaac Clayton, was arrested. In an interview, Clayton admitted to owning a firearm, the struggle, the gun going off and his son being shot—though his version of events leading up to the shooting differed from the victims. During a search of the shooting scene, a stolen 9mm pistol was recovered from the residence. Clayton faces formal charges of 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Illegal Possession of a Firearm and Receiving Stolen Property—all felonies. Clayton was formally convicted of a crime of violence in the State of Illinois and is ineligible to possess a firearm in Minnesota. The victim was treated at the Owatonna Hospital and later at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester with a non-life threatening injury.

Park Curfew Violation Leads to Drug Charges—

Early Sunday morning at approximately 2:45 AM, an Owatonna officer was investigating a vehicle in the parking lot at Lake Kohlmier. The officer found the car unoccupied, but found an adult male and adult female sitting in the grass next to the bath house—the officer also observed a glass bong (see picture below) and suspect marijuana next to the male and he admitted ownership. The male also produced a pipe which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamines. The male also admitted to driving to the location and to using meth earlier in the day—as a results, the officer initiated a process for determining whether he was under the influence of a controlled substance when operating a motor vehicle. Trace M. Stanley, age 18, was arrested and charged by formal complaint with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. For the record, all city parks in the city, except Cashman Park, are closed from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. with some limited exceptions outlined here.

Assault Investigation—

On September 29th at 1:49 AM, our officers were called to the area behind Reggie’s Brewhouse for a fight. When they arrived, no active fight was taking place, but a 44-year old male participant was still on scene and officers discovered he had sustained a small puncture wound on his left side. This victim has been uncooperative with our department and is refusing to provide information in this case. The victim was seen by Gold Cross medical staff on scene, but refused medical treatment. This investigation is ongoing despite the victim’s uncooperativeness. Anyone with information regarding this matter is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Jason Petterson at 507-774-7207.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—

Domestic violence affects every American. It can happen to anyone in any community regardless of age, status, race, religion or educational background and according to the National Coalition against Domestic Violence, most cases are never reported to the police. If you have reason to suspect someone you know is a victim of domestic violence—do not ignore it. Should you witness abuse, whether it is someone you know or a complete stranger, call the police immediately. If you know someone who is a perpetrator, let him or her know it is a crime. Explain you strongly disapprove of their behavior and encourage him or her to get help.

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