Robbery Suspect Apprehended—

On October 8th at approximately 12:27 AM, our officers were called to the Just One More bar for an assault. Investigating officers learned a 55-year-old male victim was followed out of the bar and robbed in Central Park. The victim and a witness reported a black male suspect had been following the victim around in the bar and asking other people for crack cocaine. When the victim left the bar and arrived in the park, the suspect approached him and told him that he was going to take his money, cigarettes and wallet. The suspect jumped the victim, wrestled him to the ground and struck him several times. During the robbery, the victim lost his hat and the suspect allegedly took cash and a credit card from the victim’s wallet—the victim’s hat was later recovered in Central Park by our officers. Later that same morning, our officers responded to Kwik Trip on Mineral Springs Rd. for a black male trying to use a stolen credit card—the robbery victim’s stolen credit card. Using surveillance video, officers were able to identify the suspect. On Friday the 9th, our officers located the suspect—the robbery victim was driven by and the suspect was identified as the person who committed the robbery. Frank L. Gibson, age 37, was formally charged with 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery, 5th Degree Assault and Theft.

Seeking Your Help—

Last Friday evening at approximately 8:07 PM, the Family Dollar, 120 West Broadway, was the scene of an armed robbery. Investigating officers learned that an unknown black male suspect entered the store and was lingering near the front of the store. The suspect let some other customers make purchases before he until he was the last person in the store. The suspect placed three items to purchase on the counter, then reached down around his left foot and produced a handgun. The suspect demanded the clerk open the cash drawer and then reached into the drawer and took large denomination bills. The suspect then fled the store on foot and was last seen running south through Central Park. The suspect has been described as approximately 5’11” and 170 pounds. He was wearing a grey hoodie type sweatshirt with a red emblem and matching sweatpants. The suspect has short hair and a goatee. The Owatonna Police Department is seeking the public’s help in solving this crime. Anyone with information may contact Detective Sergeant Jason Petterson at 507-774-7207.

Forged Traveler Checks & Lying to the Police Send One to Jail—

On Monday afternoon, a Kohl’s loss prevention employee called to report a female was in the store trying to pay with fraudulent travelers checks. The loss prevention employee was tipped off to the suspected criminal activity when he observed a female in the store that matched the description of a suspect involved in passing similar checks at Kohl’s in Mankato. The female was stopped after making purchases worth $244 using traveler checks. When she was questioned by our officers, she identified herself with an Ohio driver’s license as Amy Evans—the problem was that the date of birth she gave, did not match the one on her driver’s license. Amy later fessed up to the forged traveler checks. Cecelia Robinson, age 32, was arrested and jailed. Robinson was formally charged with Offering a Forged Check—a felony.