They Just Can’t Stay Away—

On Tuesday morning, the Owatonna Police Department received information of a fugitive being at a residence in the 700 block of North Oak Avenue. Our officers arrived at the home and spoke with a resident. The residence indicated the fugitive was not in her home and allowed our officers to search—to no avail. As our officers were leaving, they noticed a white van parked on the side of a garage. The tip about the whereabouts of the fugitive mentioned a white van so the officers investigated further and upon doing so, noticed movement in the van. Officers knocked on the van and a female answered—she indicated the fugitive was inside and he was apprehended. Well, that’s not the end of the story. While confirming the warrant, it was learned the fugitive was the subject of a protective order against the female—and, the female was the subject of the protective order against the fugitive. Love ‘em or hate ‘em, they just couldn’t stay away from each other. Michael E. Majsterski, age 48 and Sharon A. Hanson, age 58, both from Minneapolis were both arrested and charged with violating a domestic abuse no-contact order.

Domestic Assault Arrest—

During the very early morning hours on Thursday, our officers were called to the 200 block of North Cedar Avenue for the report of an assault. Our officers met with a 29 year old female who was visibly upset and crying—she had red marks around her neck and her finger was bleeding from a small cut. The investigation showed the victim was at a residence earlier with a male with whom she’s had a significant relationship with and a female. The victim tried bumming a cigarette from the female’s front pocket which upset the male. He allegedly grabbed the female by the throat with both hands, picked her up threw her on the couch. Officers arrested Frank L. Tubbs, age 36 and jailed him; he was later formally charged with Domestic Assault and two counts of 5th Degree Assault—all felonies. Court records indicate Tubbs has been convicted on two previous occasions for domestic offenses.

October is Crime Prevention Week—

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council, the nation’s focal point for preventing crime, designated October as Crime Prevention Month. The month-long celebration recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to continue to grow even stronger and become more widespread. While your law enforcement officers are the first line of defense, we rely on community involvement to achieve optimum law enforcement results—crime prevention will always begin with active participation between the community and your police department. To learn more about Crime Prevention week, visit the National Crime Prevention Council logo.

Department News—

Canine Officer John Petterson and his partner Kash are working toward getting their certification. John has been training with the Rochester Police Department and their canine unit to obtain the training necessary for Kash to re-join us on the streets. As you may recall, Kash’s previous partner, Brady Fox, left us for another department. We’re anxious for this training to be complete so that we can put this team together out on the street and take advantage of the skills a handler and canine brings to the department.