Multiple Charges Filed—On October 24th at 9 p.m., an OPD officer stopped Tyler Lockman in a vehicle while traveling on W. Front Street because he had a revoked license. Lockman admitted to the officer that he didn’t have a valid license. Because the officer was aware of previous no driver’s license violations, he arrested Lockman. His record shows 12 driving without a valid license and four no insurance convictions. During the officers search of Lockman, he found drug paraphernalia such as a scale, baggies, a marijuana pipe, and 4 grams of a white substance that field tested positive for meth. The vehicle search revealed a “loaded” meth pipe that the officer described as a bubble style and a plastic tube that had residue, presumably meth. Inside a cooler bearing the initials T.L. was a kids sock containing a glass smoking pipe with residue in it and 7.12 grams of marijuana in a glass container found in the center console. Lockman admitted the meth found on him & in his vehicle was his. Lockman originally said the car was a friends, but later he admitted that it’s his and not sure if there is vehicle insurance on it. Lockman, age 28, was charged with 5th degree Controlled Substance—a Felony, Uninsured Vehicle—a Gross Misd., Driving After Revocation—a Misd., and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—a Petty Misd.

No Winners This Time—Frank Lajuan Gibson was arrested for burglary at the Dog Pound Bar on October 20th for an incident that occurred the day before. Some unique items taken during the burglary were an unknown amount of scratch off State Lottery tickets. An OPD detective spoke to an investigator from the Minnesota State Lottery office and found that the stolen tickets assigned to the Dog Pound Bar showed recent cashing activity at Hy-Vee of three winning tickets in the amounts of $50, $75, and $250 on October 19th—after the burglary occurred. The detective reviewed surveillance video and was able to identify the suspect whom he recognized as Frank Gibson. Gibson, age 38 from Owatonna, is being held at the Steele County Detention Center and was formally charged for 3rd degree burglary—a felony. A complaint for the lottery fraud charges are pending.

SHOC-Red Ribbon Week

Chief Hiller and the Owatonna High School’s S.H.O.C. (Students Helping Others Choose) group kicked off Red Ribbon Week in Central Park on Monday night with games and activities to honor the largest national drug prevention campaign. The OPD provided fatal vision goggles that allowed users to experience how balance and motor skills are compromised when under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Red Ribbon Campaign began in 1985 after Enrique Camarena, an agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration was murdered by drug traffickers, and so a tradition of displaying red ribbons as a signal against drugs was born. In 2011, President Obama issued a proclamation designating October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.

A Scoop will Do—This week, Chief Hiller attended an Ice Cream Social at the Owatonna Junior High sponsored by S.H.O.C. (Students Helping Others Choose). A few games of bingo, prizes, and a scoop of ice cream is a great way to capture the attention of today’s youth. As Chairman of the Steele County Safe and Drug Free Coalition (SCSDFC), Chief Hiller presented a short message on their dedication to keeping our community and its youth free from the harmful effects of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco use.

Spin It—Chief Hiller of the SCSDFC and Kim Schaufenbuel of the Steele County United Way enjoyed the LITTLES and BIGS at the Halloween themed Big Brothers Big Sisters event held at the Owatonna airport. A quick spin of the wheel and a short answer as to the negative impacts surrounding the abuse of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana earned a candy treat. Plus, the LITTLES were adorable in all of their costumes!