How the Grinch Stole Christmas –
With Black Friday and Cyber Monday in the rear view mirror, many of us took advantage of shopping from home and the convenience of our purchases delivered to our doorstep—unfortunately, thieves are aware of this also. To protect your deliveries, we offer these tips:

- Plan to ship you purchases to family or friends who will be home to receive them
- Require a signature on your deliveries—this will ensure someone is home to receive them
- Leave specifics for the delivery company of where to place the item—preferably out of sight from thieves prowling the neighborhood
- If your employer allows, consider having your package delivered to your workplace
- Insure your delivery
- Sign up for text/email alerts so that you know when your package has been delivered
- Call 911 to report suspicious behavior

So far in this holiday season, we haven’t received any reports of this type of theft taking place; however, a bit of deterrence can help prevent someone else from enjoying your purchases.

Pursuits Have no Boundaries—On Saturday morning, OPD officer’s attempted to stop a vehicle following a disturbance call involving an assault with a motor vehicle outside 420 Adams Avenue. The suspect fled in his vehicle, a 1997 Mercury Tracer station wagon, down the paved pathway from Morehouse Park to Lake Kohlmier Park. The suspect evaded Stop Sticks deployed by assisting OPD officers. He continued to flee law enforcement through our parks, across private property, and our community streets.

The driving conduct of the suspect required a PIT (pursuit intervention technique) maneuver to mitigate potential injuries to the public. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident or injury to others. The suspect was identified as Nicholas Crow Goodman, age 33, of Faribault. He was jailed and charged with 2nd Degree Assault with a deadly weapon (motor vehicle) and fleeing a peace officer, both felonies.

BOLO—
Cerro Gordo County Iowa Sheriff’s Office called Owatonna PD on Thursday evening to Be On the Look Out for Jeffry Joe Bryant who was believed to be driving a white 1997 Pontiac Grand Am with Iowa license plates. Bryant was wanted by Iowa authorities for drug charges. At 11:30 p.m. an OPD sergeant observed this vehicle at the Kwik Trip on 26th Street NE. The driver matched the description of Bryant. Additional officers arrived to assist in the safe arrest of Bryant. Bryant was searched and found in possession of 4 grams of methamphetamine, that also field tested positive. Bryant was then held in custody awaiting extradition for Cerro Gordo County Iowa and was charged in Steele County for 5th degree possession of a controlled substance and fugitive from Justice.