Do you know him?
The Owatonna PD is investigating an open shoplifting case at Wal-Mart involving this unidentified subject. The suspect fled the store with store merchandise then took off in a blue Chevrolet pick-up truck that is registered out of Faribault, MN. If you can identify this person, please contact the Owatonna Police Department non-emergency number at 451-8232. Since January 1 – November 30th, OPD has responded to 122 reported shoplifting incidents and 9 in the month of November.

Ice Safety—It’s getting closer for what many of us thought may not happen this winter—ice fishing season. Ice anglers are making last minute preparations to drag their ice shanties on to area lakes, or a trip up north to many of the state’s iconic fisheries. Before making that trip or even considering venturing out on a frozen lake, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presents an illustration for recommended ice thickness for safe travel. For more information on ice safety, the MN DNR has created a web page here with all the information you’ll need to keep safe while enjoying your on-ice activities.

Vigilance—On Tuesday, December 13th, Owatonna Police Officers were dispatched to Target for a report of an Organized Retail Theft Group who had attempted a $1,700.00 theft of high end electronics; however, they were deterred by the store’s Loss Prevention. Officers obtained real time information with their vehicle description and direction of travel. The vehicle was stopped as the thieves attempted to get out of town on Interstate 35. During the investigatory stop, officers obtained additional information that video game consoles and other electronics, had been stolen from the Mankato Target just a few hours before. These items were observed inside the vehicle. Four members of this group were arrested on probable cause for theft, outstanding warrants, and providing a false name to a peace officer. The suspects were released pending further investigation with other jurisdictions involving the same suspects. Stay tuned for more to come as this case unravels...

Citizen Police Academy
Owatonna Today Show
Host Linda Karnauskas visits with OPD’s Pam Roberts and participant Mike Gandrud about this year’s Citizen Police Academy. Click here to watch.