Police Officer Assaulted—

Late last Friday morning, Owatonna officers were called to the area of Walmart for a shoplifting suspect who had fled the store. One of our detectives responded to the area and located a subject matching the fleeing suspect in the Colonial Manor Manufactured Home Park. The detective approached the suspect in his vehicle and as he exited, the suspect began running away with the detective in pursuit. As the foot pursuit continued, the detective noted the suspect carrying an object in his hand. As the detective was catching up to the suspect, the suspect turned to face him—at this time the detective felt the suspect was carrying a knife in his hand and ordered him to the ground at gun point. The suspect ignored the commands and turned to walk away. At this point, the detective no longer believed the suspect to be holding a knife, holstered his weapon and attempted a physical arrest of the suspect. A struggle ensued and the suspect began arching a hand-held stun gun—the object seen in his hands. The suspect applied the stun gun to the officer on several occasions as the struggle continued. Back-up officers finally located the officer and suspect behind a home, observing the suspect on top of the officer. Back-up officers used a Taser device to subdue the suspect and finally take him into custody. Adam J. Balzer, age 38 of Owatonna, was arrested and remains jailed. He has been charged with several felonies, including 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault of a Police Officer, Obstructing the Legal Process, Prohibited Possession of a Stun Gun by a Felon, Using a Stun Gun on a Peace Officer and 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was also confirmed by video surveillance as the suspect fleeing from the Walmart theft and has been charged with Theft. The detective involved in this was injured during this altercation, but we are proud to say he is working and continues to serve our community.

Domestic Violence Arrest—

On Tuesday evening, Owatonna officers were called to 804 South Oak for a domestic. Investigating officers found a female victim walking down Northview Street—officers observed she had a swollen, puffy left eye and small cuts below the same eye. In an interview, the victim reported the male suspect walked into her apartment and punched her as she was sitting in a chair and knocked over a glass table breaking it. The victim sprayed the suspect with mace and he left the apartment. Inside the residence, officers observed the broken glass table and noticed an irritant (mace) in the air. At approximately 4:00AM the following morning, the suspect was located driving a vehicle—he was stopped, interviewed and placed under arrest. Charles A. Brooks, age 35 of East Grand Forks, was charged with Domestic Assault and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Damage to Property.

Cops in the Community—

Tuesday morning Captain Mundale, Detective Joel Hunt and Lisa Waypa from public health spoke to a group of mom’s at Bethel Church who gather together as Mothers of Preschoolers. They presented on child safety seats, how to protect you and your child against internet crimes, and a wrap up on bicycle safety.