US Bank Robbed—

On June 12, 2018 at 2:11 PM, the Owatonna Police Department responded to US Bank, 132 West Broadway, in response to a reported bank robbery. A single white male entered the bank, handed a teller a note that demanded $500. The note referred to a gun, but a gun was never displayed. The teller provided the money demanded by the suspect and the suspect fled the scene. Surveillance photos of the suspect were disseminated to Owatonna officers and statewide officials. An Owatonna police officer was able to positively identify the suspect from the surveillance photos. At approximately 3:52 PM, the Owatonna Police Department located and arrested the male suspect at the Steele County Fairgrounds Park on 18th Street Southeast without incident. Matthew Dahl, age 33 of Faribault, was arrested and jailed. In an interview with detectives, Dahl admitted to the robbery. Dahl has been charged with 2nd Degree Aggravated Robbery.

Burglary Charges Filed—

Very early on Wednesday morning, our officers were called to an address in the 500 block of Kim Lane for a burglary in progress. The homeowner reported the suspect in this case came to his home uninvited and tried kicking in the front door. The homeowner called police and then heard a loud banging from the garage area and saw the suspect run into the home from the garage door. He believes the suspect was trying to get a female in the home, so he grabbed the suspect and a struggle ensued, during which a TV was knocked over. The suspect confronted the female in a bedroom and pushed her down. When officers located the female victim, she was in a fetal position crying, with the suspect sitting next to her on a bed. The female and suspect had a previous relationship. Adam W. Lopez, age 35 of Owatonna, was arrested and has been charged with two counts of 1st Degree Burglary—felonies, 3rd Degree Damage to Property—a gross misdemeanor, Domestic Assault & 5th Degree Assault—both misdemeanors.

Safety Camp—

This past Thursday and Friday, Lake Kohlmier and the Steele County Fairgrounds were the sites of the annual 2-day Steele County Safety Camp. The safety camp is open to all children county-wide who have just completed the 3rd grade. As part of the camp, the kids attended breakout sessions on safety topics ranging from fishing safety, boating safety, camping & hiking safety, firearm safety, first aid, bicycle safety, electrical safety, equipment safety, fire safety and internet safety. All kids received a t-shirt and backpack. Serving as camp counselors were Detectives Joel Hunt and Matt Oeltjenbruns and Officers Andrew Van Osdale, Melissa Michael, Michaela Smith, Steve Bowman and Alan Callahan. Our very own Matt Oeltjenbruns serves as the board chair for the event.