Burglar in Custody—

On Sunday morning, an Owatonna resident in the 400 block of Shady Avenue called to report an intruder had entered her home. Responding officers learned the victim heard an inner door leading to the basement shaking. She investigated and found an unknown male holding a pipe wrench and a metal rod. The victim confronted the male, demanding the property and to leave. The suspect returned the wrench and left the residence through the front door. It appeared the suspect entered the home by breaking a window pane on a door. A short while later, one of our officers located a male matching the suspect’s description near the corner of E. Rose St. and Carriage Lane; the victim was brought to the location and positively identified the male as the suspect and he was placed under arrest. Near to where the suspect was arrested, a Steele County Deputy located a metal rod laying on the ground near another home. The rod was identified as stolen from the victim’s home. Juan Fernand Rodriguez Tellez, age 20 of Owatonna, was jailed and has been formally charged with 1st Degree Burglary—a felony.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered—

On June 8th, an Owatonna resident reported her 2009 Saturn Vue as stolen. As luck would have it, the same vehicle owner called to state she was driving on S. Oak Ave. and spotted her stolen car being driven. The owner followed the car to 810 S. Oak Ave. where she confronted a female driver. The female grabbed some items and fled into the house. Our officers arrived and several people exited the home including Marcus Trevino. Trevino reported he bought the car for $200, but didn’t know it was stolen. Later, he knew something wasn’t “legit” with the car and it may be stolen. Trevino produced the key to the car. Officers searched the home and found a female in the basement hiding under a stairwell—in a later interview, she admitted to finding the vehicle parked, unlocked and took it. Hannah Anderson, age 18 of Owatonna and Trevino, age 25 of Rochester, were both arrested and jailed. Anderson faces charges of Motor Vehicle Theft—a felony and Trevino faces charges of Receiving Stolen Property—a Felony.

Seatbelt Enforcement—

The number of people ticketed for not wearing their seat belts during extra statewide enforcement has declined for the fourth straight year. During the two-week extra enforcement wave May 21- June 3, officers, deputies and troopers from 318 agencies reported 6,684 seat belt citations and 147 child seat violations. That compares with 6,771 citations last year and 7,233 in 2016. Locally, the Owatonna Police Department issued 18 seat belt related citations during this enforcement wave. What’s on the horizon—there will be a border to border speed enforcement saturation taking place on Friday, July 6th on US Highway 14.

Line of Duty Deaths—

Juan Rodriguez Tellez

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