False Imprisonment Charges—

On Saturday evening, an Owatonna officer observed a couple in an embrace in the parking lot of Casey’s General Store on 18th St. SE. However, looks are deceiving and as the officer rolled down her window, she heard the female yelling, get off me & let me go and attempting to pull away from the male. When the officer intervened, the male released the female. Officers investigated and released the pair but not before offering the female crisis resource services. As the couple walked away, they observed the male grab the female by the wrist, pulling her to walk with him. The female pulled away and yelled at the male to let her go. The male yelled back, not releasing the female and continued to pull on the female up the hill toward Austin Rd. Officers intervened a second time and the male was placed under arrest. In an interview, the female indicated while they were walking away from the officers, the male stated, I’ll beat you up in front of these cops. He also told the female he is a gangster and runs this town. Christopher Ramirez, age 35 of Owatonna, was jailed and has been charged with False Imprisonment—Intentional Restraint—a felony and Domestic Assault—a gross misdemeanor.

Night to Unite v. 2018—

Night to Unite is just around the corner and we’re taking reservations—this year’s event will be on Tuesday, August 7th. Our information and registration page is up and running on our website. By clicking on the Night to Unite logo to the side, you can download a step-by-step guide, planning packet and an event registration form. If you’re looking for more information about Night to Unite, Pam Roberts would love to talk with you. Pam can be reached at 774-7200.

Signing Off—

July 5th will mark the last shift for Officer Adam Hennen when he signs off-duty for the last time as an Owatonna police officer. Adam arrived here as a patrol officer from the Madelia Police Department in November 2012 and has been working in that capacity since. Adam has served the community as a field training officer, use of force instructor and as a crime-free multi-housing liaison to the City of Owatonna Landlord Association. Adam will be moving on to the Olmsted County Sheriff’s Office and we wish him the best in the next chapter of his law enforcement career.

Remember, any fireworks that fly or explode are illegal in Minnesota. Explosive and aerial fireworks are prohibited for sale, possession and use and include: firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles and mortars & shells.