Just the Facts
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Out Past Curfew—
At 01:30 am on Thursday morning, August 2, a resident on 13th Street SW was awakened to glass breaking near Linn Avenue. Officers converged on the area as a burglary in progress call. One officer stopped and detained two juvenile male suspects one block away. An officer noticed a vehicle nearby that had been tampered with that revealed a dome light on, papers scattered within the car and an open glove box. Officers found a broken window on a detached garage across the street from the citizen reporting. Fresh blood on a fragment of broken glass was collected as evidence. A 16 year old suspect had a flashlight, a speck of blood on his hand and a bulge of coins in his pocket. The other lad, 15 years of age, had an improvised bandage on his hand with fresh blood on his forearms, hands and shirt. Eventually, the officer received a confession at the scene that the suspect’s broke the window and were both inside the garage stealing property. The success of this case was the result of a citizen immediately reporting suspicious activity.

Chain Reaction—On Wednesday, August 1st around noon, a rear-end crash involving three cars occurred at the Hoffman Drive and North Street intersection. Katherine Hatteberg, 53 of Owatonna, was driving drunk and rear-ended one car causing it to hit another. Hatteberg’s airbags deployed, and she sustained minor injuries. The officer and others tending to Hatteberg smelled alcohol on her breath. Roadside sobriety tests were difficult to do based on her condition and inability to follow directions. Hatteberg was arrested and transported to the hospital by ambulance. There, a blood test was obtained through a search warrant. Hatteberg was later brought to the Steele County jail on probable cause 3rd degree DWI. A preliminary breath test revealed an alcohol concentration of over .20. The other motorist in the crash were not injured.