Burglary and Domestic Violence Charges Filed—

On Tuesday morning, an Owatonna officer was called to an apartment on State Avenue for a domestic assault that had previously occurred during the early morning hours. The investigating officer learned a female victim was at home and alleged her boyfriend forced his way into her apartment and assaulted her—the suspect grabbed the victim around the neck, pushed her into the kitchen and allegedly struck her a couple times in the face. The violence ended when a child was awakened, entered the room and the suspect left the apartment. When the officer arrived he observed the door frame had damage consistent with being forced open. Shortly thereafter, the suspect was located at a residence on 14th St. NE where he was placed under arrest and jailed. Jeorge J. Jaramillo, age 29 of Owatonna, has been charged with Burglary, 1st Degree Burglary, Domestic Assault by Strangulation and Domestic Assault—all felonies.

Domestic Violence Awareness—

We’ve recently reported in *Just the Facts* several cases of domestic violence occurring in our community. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women & 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner each year. Domestic violence affects every American—it can happen to anyone in any community regardless of age, status, race, religion or educational background and according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, most cases are never reported to the police. If you have reason to suspect someone you know is a victim of domestic violence—do not ignore it. Should you witness abuse, whether it is someone you know or a complete stranger, call the police immediately. If you know someone who is a perpetrator, let him or her know it is a crime. Explain you strongly disapprove of their behavior and encourage him or her to get help.

More Than Bargained For—

Last Friday, an Owatonna detective stopped a vehicle when he observed the driver knew to have an outstanding warrant. After making the arrest, the driver was searched incident to the arrest and a small straw was uncovered which contained presumptive methamphetamine. In addition to the felony check forgery the driver was wanted for, Leah Barner, age 43 of Owatonna, now faces 5th Degree Controlled Substance charges.