Social Host Enforcement—

Last Friday evening, our officers received a loud party complaint on Mossy Creek Dr—it was reported there were lots of cars and kids at a residence and the caller did not believe any adults were at the home. Our officers arrived on scene, observing the street lined with vehicles. They approached the residence and heard loud voices and males & females exit the garage—one took off running when he observed the officers. A juvenile resident was located and he directed officers to a youthful adult resident of the home. The adult cooperated with officers and soon many juveniles and young adults began filing out of the home, many found to have been drinking underage. At the end of the evening, our officers cited 15 underage drinkers for minor consumption and the two hosts face additional social host charges. As a reminder, the Social Host Ordinance stipulates that it is unlawful for any persons to:

- Host or allow an event or gathering;
- At any residence, premise or any other private or public property;
- Where alcoholic beverages are present;
- When the person knows or reasonably should know that an underage person will or does consume any alcohol or alcoholic beverage—or possess any alcohol with the intent to consume it; and
- The person fails to take reasonable steps to prevent possession or consumption by the underage person(s).

Suspicious Activity to Drug Charges—

On Sunday afternoon, our officers were called to the Family Dollar Store regarding a suspicious male—staff believed the male had been asked to leave the store in the past and was attempting to shoplift. An officer arrived on scene, locating the suspicious male in the store. The officer was familiar with the male through past professional contacts and knew he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The warrant was confirmed and the male was placed under arrest. While dealing with the male, the officer observed the male continuously trying to get his hands into his sweatshirt pocket, even while in handcuffs. The officer searched him incident to arrest and inside the sweatshirt pocket, uncovered a red bandana and 9 grams of presumptive methamphetamine. Nashid Abdul-Zahir, age 42 of Owatonna, was charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.