Stolen Vehicle and Fleeing

Last Friday night, an Owatonna resident living on Agnes Street reported his vehicle stolen—the victim reported he had left his vehicle running at his apartment while he was taking property inside. He returned to his vehicle only to hear his tires screeching as his vehicle was being driven away. The vehicle description and license plate was broadcast and the car was spotted shortly thereafter by another officer near Lincoln Ave. and 16th St. SE. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle; however, the suspect continued on for several blocks before coming to a stop in the 1700 block of Havana Rd. During an interview, the suspect concocted a story about how he got the vehicle before finally coming clean and admitting he saw the vehicle running at the apartment, jumped in and took off. Corey Gilbertson, age 18 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with Motor Vehicle Theft and Fleeing.

Forgery Arrest—

On Wednesday afternoon, Wells Fargo Bank called the police to report there was a person in their bank who was trying to cash a stolen check. Our officers arrived and found the suspect seated in the lobby. Witnesses reported the suspect presented a check for cashing that had been altered. Rather than just cashing the check, the bank wisely contacted the account holder and learned the check had been stolen. The account holder confirmed that the check had been written to another payee and did not give the suspect permission cash the check. Patrick Powel, age 22 of Owatonna was arrested and brought to the detention center. Powel has been charged with Check Forgery—a gross misdemeanor. In a statement to officers, Powel stated the check showed up in his mailbox, filled out with someone else’s name on it. He whitened out the name on the check and put his own name on it.

Repeat Offender—

On Monday afternoon a public service employee reported being threatened while taking action in a child protection matter. While taking custody of children, the employee reported a male individual began yelling profanities and threatened to kill the employee and their family. A third individual intervened, holding the suspect back during his tirade. Martin Lampkin, age 21, was arrested and charged with Terroristic Threats—a felony. For our faithful readers of Just the Facts, we featured Lampkin in the June 8th edition for his arrest in the home invasions that occurred in May.