Just the Facts
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Attempted Murder Charges Filed—

During the early morning hours on October 17th, our officers were called to a home on Wilson Drive in Owatonna for the report of a disturbance—a witness reported loud banging and a male voice yelling. Officers met with a resident in the home and observed signs of intoxication. They also heard a child’s voice coming from a bedroom and a significant amount of blood on the floor in another bedroom. Officers attempted to speak with child through a barricaded door—the child told the officer, he was trying to kill me and I am bleeding bad. The child later opened the door and officers found the child’s face covered with blood. During a statement, the child told officers the suspect tried killing him with a knife. The child alleged he was stuck on the nose with the back of the knife and on his head when the suspect made a downward cutting motion. The child indicated the suspect made comments of killing the child and other family members. During a search of the home, a knife was recovered in a washing machine and the child’s shirt was found alongside the washing machine covered in blood. Julio C. Cano, age 45 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with 2nd Degree Attempted Murder, Attempted 1st Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Terroristic Threats—all felonies. Cano remains in custody in the Steele County Detention Center.

Alcohol Can Cloud Your Judgment—

On October 18th, our officers were called to an address in the 100 block of 24th Place NW for an unwanted person. Our officers discovered a female at the location in an intoxicated state and showing significant mood swings. The female was unable to find a ride for herself and protective custody placement was determined to be an option. To avoid placement, a caretaker allowed the female to stay; however, mood swings and erratic behavior continued and the caretaker wanted her removed. As the female was being escorted out to be transported on the protective placement, she began resisting and was handcuffed and escorted out. Twice during the escort, the female kicked an officer. As she was led to an awaiting squad car, the female kicked and dented a rear quarter panel, resulting in an estimated $935 in damage to city property. Kristen Koster, age 22 of Austin, was placed under arrest—she has been charged with 4th Degree Assault of a Police Officer, Obstructing the Legal Process and 4th Degree Criminal Damage to Property.