Just the Facts
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Foot Pursuit Leads to More Charges—

Midmorning last Wednesday, a wanted subject was observed by an Owatonna detective on State Avenue near Cash Wise. As a marked patrol squad arrived in the area, the male subject turned and began running to the north. The detective followed in his vehicle and observed the male near Adams Avenue where a foot pursuit began until the male tripped and fell. The male’s hands were underneath him and he appeared to be trying to discard something from his waist or shirt—the officer was trying to control the subject’s hands, but was met with resistance with the suspect trying to get up and continue to flee. Backup officers arrived and the male was handcuffed. During a search incident to the arrest, a schedule 2 controlled substance, Adderall, was found. Cody Fonner, age 24 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. Besides his warrants, Fonner now faces controlled substance and fleeing charges.

Porch Pirates—Beware—

As we enter into the holiday season, many of our community members, including this writer, are going to be making online purchases from our homes with the convenience of our purchases being delivered to our doorstep. This past week we’ve had our first report of a delivered package being stolen from a porch. What can you do to protect yourself from being victimized by a crime of opportunity? The simple answer is to avoid the opportunity all together and do your shopping in person—but let’s stop kidding ourselves, online shopping has become a way of life, so consider these tips:

- If you can, have your packages delivered to your workplace or office
- Require a signature for delivery
- If you’re not going to be home, reroute or reschedule delivery
- Have the package delivered to a friend or neighbor you know will be home
- Sign up for delivery notifications so you’ll be notified as soon as the package arrives and can secure it
- If you’ll be away, have delivery held by the carrier
- Consider installing an obvious security camera to deter a thief

Snaps Lead Directly to Jail—

On November 6th, a school resource officer (SRO) initiated an investigation of an unknown person sending threatening and coercive messages to solicit sexual conduct to a child through Snapchat. The detective was able to obtain subscriber information through Snapchat to identify the message sender. With that information, the suspect was located at an address in Owatonna. In an interview with the suspect, admissions were made to sending snaps to the child that were inappropriate and admitting that she was probably scared. The suspect was placed under arrest and jailed. Santiago Cavazos, age 21 of Owatonna, has been charged with Solicit[ing] a Child Through Electronic Communications to Engage in Sexual Conduct, Engag[ing] in Electronic Communications Relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with a Child and Terroristic Threats—all felonies.

Santiago Cavazos

Cody Fonner

Department News—

The 2018 Citizen’s Academy is underway! On October 29th, Chief Keith Hiller and 23 community members kicked off this year’s academy. Chief Hiller met with the group to give a welcome and overview of the department. This past Monday, Captain Jeff Mundale met with group. Captain Mundale is the Patrol Division Commander and gave an overview of patrol staffing, operations and constitutional law.

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