Prescription Fraud Leads to Charges—

Last Thursday, we received a call from Walgreens reporting a fraudulent prescription that had been called in. Walgreens reported a prescription had been called in by a male purporting to be a local physician; however, things weren’t adding up when the pharmacy learned the physician wasn’t working that day. They followed up with the customer for which the prescription was ordered and they were not expecting a prescription order. Later that day, a male party appeared at Walgreens to pick up the order and we were called. As the male exited Walgreens, Owatonna officers were waiting and he was placed under arrest. A later phone call with the physician confirmed that he did not order any prescriptions. Jose Hernandez, age 35 of Owatonna, has been charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud or Deceit—both felonies.

Winter Parking Restrictions—

Snow covered ground and icy road conditions mean one thing, we’re moving into dark winter. It also means at least one other thing, the Owatonna winter parking restrictions are here. For the past week, our officers have been out handing hundreds of notifications on vehicles parked on the street. Taking effect at 12:00 AM on November 15th, the ordinance restricts on-street parking on many of our city streets between the hours of 12:01 AM and 12:00 PM from November 15, 2018 to March 31, 2019. To familiarize yourself with those parking restrictions, please click here and check under Chapter 72—Parking Rules.