Being High can Lead to Poor Choices—

On Monday evening our officers were called to Walmart for a theft in progress—asset protection was reporting a male was concealing items in a back pack and had two TVs in a shopping cart. As our officers arrived on scene, the suspect was seen exiting the store. The suspect spotted our officers and a sheriff’s office deputy and the chase was on. A short foot pursuit ended when the suspect surrendered to a pursuing officer and deputy. During a search incident to arrest, an officer uncovered a hypodermic needle, a bindle & a folded up dollar bill containing a total of .4 grams of presumptive positive heroin. For those not familiar with a bindle, it is drug terminology for a piece of paper often folded into a triangle to carry powdered drugs. In an interview, the suspect stated he was high on heroin, made some bad choices and stole from Walmart. Zachary Savoie, age 27 of Faribault was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with Theft, 5th Degree Possession [of a Controlled Substance] and Fleeing a Peace Officer [on Foot].

Caring and Sharing—

This week an anonymous community member stopped in to deliver some personal care packages he put together for homeless persons living in our community. Figuring that our officers have frequent contact with homeless persons, he felt we’d be the perfect delivery mechanism to get the packages to those in need so that even those who are homeless have something for the holidays!!

From the team at the Owatonna Police Department

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sergeant

Matthew Moreno
Los Angeles County (CA) Sheriff’s Office
End of watch: December 12, 2018

Sergeant Matthew Moreno was killed in an automobile crash. Sergeant Moreno was the 4th law enforcement officer to be killed in a traffic-related incident and the 8th officer fatality from the state of Colorado in 2018.

Police Officer

Jason Quick
Lambertton (NC) Police Department
End of watch: December 15, 2018

Police Officer Jason Quick was struck and killed in the line of duty in a traffic-related accident this year and the eighth officer fatality in the state of North Carolina in 2018.

Police Officer

Edgar Isidro Flores
DeKalb County (GA) Police Department
End of watch: December 13, 2018

Police Officer Edgar Isidro Flores was shot and killed in a traffic stop. Officer Flores is the 7th law enforcement officer killed for the line of duty in the state of Georgia in 2018.