Just the Facts

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Post Campaign Wrap-up—

Between November 21st and December 29th, more than 300 law enforcement agencies participated in a holiday DWI campaign for extra enforcement to detect impaired drivers—including the Owatonna Police Department. Statewide during the campaign, officers, deputies and troopers arrested 2,757 drivers for impaired driving and issued 1,901 seatbelt violations. Locally, our officers made nine DWI arrests with the highest BCA recorded at .18—our officers also issued eight seatbelt citations. Statewide, ten law enforcement agencies reported drivers arrested with a BCA of .30 or higher and one driver at a whopping .424 or almost 5 ½ times the legal limit to drive!! Other low-lights include a female arrested in Blue Earth County and four days later in Goodhue County, a driver arrested twice in three days in Hawley, a driver arrested for DWI after being stopped for speeding at 108 miles per hour and a driver arrested in Minnetonka after running into a squad car.

Child Pornography Investigation—

Early in January, a concerned citizen met with an Owatonna officer to report a potential child pornography case. The concerned citizen came into possession of an IPad that belonged to an acquaintance and was going to give it to another family member. Before doing so, the concerned citizen opened a photo file that contained several pornographic images of young children. A search warrant for the device was obtained and a forensic examination was completed—the examination confirmed several images that appeared to be child pornography. On January 16th, the alleged owner of the IPad was located and arrested with a BCA of .30 or higher and one driver at a whopping .424 or almost 5 ½ times the legal limit to drive!! Other low-lights include a female arrested in Blue Earth County and four days later in Goodhue County, a driver arrested twice in three days in Hawley, a driver arrested for DWI after being stopped for speeding at 108 miles per hour and a driver arrested in Minnetonka after running into a squad car.

Domestic Violence Arrests—

This week two felony arrests were made in separate domestic violence cases. On Monday, a victim reported an argument began over money—names were exchanged when the suspect allegedly kicked the female in face while sitting. The suspect allegedly picked the victim up and began shoving her into things before throwing her back on the ground and kicking her in the head and face. The suspect was later apprehended on I-35 in Rice County. Cordarll Powell, age 31 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of Domestic Assault. On Tuesday, a female victim reported a restraining order violation. It was alleged the suspect came to the victim’s home and stayed the night despite an active Domestic Abuse No Contact Order. Later, a disturbance occurred that led to the allegation that the male suspect took out a butcher knife and threatened to kill everyone in the home. On the 23rd, the male suspect was located in Dodge County and arrested. Dustin Ball, age 28 of Owatonna, has been charged with 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Terroristic Threats, Domestic Assault and Violating a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order.