Just the Facts

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Unattended Motor Vehicle Theft—

On the morning of February 1st, our officers were called to Fareway Foods for the report of a stolen car. The reporting person had left her car running in the parking lot to run into the store, and surprise, when she returned, both her car, and her Shih Tzu dog left in the car were gone. Later that evening, an officer located the stolen vehicle in the driveway at an apartment at 525 S. Cedar and inside the apartment, officers could hear a dog barking. Officers spoke with the resident inside and saw a small Shih Tzu that matched the description of the dog inside the car. While talking to the resident, a male and female were spotted inside and matched the description of a pair that were seen on surveillance video stealing the car from Fareway—still wearing some of the clothes seen in the video. Both the male and the female were placed under arrest and jailed. The Shih Tzu and the vehicle were owner. Hannah Anderson, age 19, of Owatonna, was charged with Aid[ing] and Abet[ting] Motor Vehicle Theft and Adam Pattishall, age 18 of St. Peter, was charged with Motor Vehicle Theft—both felonies.

Shoplifter Jailed—

Last Sunday our officers were called to Fleet Farm for a shoplifting in progress. It was reported by Fleet Farm loss prevention that a male individual had selected a rifle scope from the shelves, cut off the spider wire loss prevention device and left the store without paying for the item. The suspect was located and arrested. During an interview, the suspect admitted to cutting off the spider wire and taking the rifle scope. The rifle scope was valued at $999.99. Subsequent to the arrest, the suspect was searched at the detention center and found in possession of a Scheduled IV narcotic. Steven Dunnum, age 52 of Owatonna, has been charged with Theft and 5th Degree [Possession] of a Controlled Substance—both gross misdemeanors. In Minnesota to be considered a gross misdemeanor, the value of the property has to be more than $550 but not more than $1000. If the value is less than $500, it is considered a misdemeanor and more than $1000, a felony.