Police Officer Assauled—

On Monday evening, Owatonna officers were called to an address in the 1700 block of Prairie Lane for the report of a domestic assault. Arriving officers were waved in by a resident and told, "hurry, they're fighting inside." Officers entered the residence and found two males on the floor; one on top of the other. The males were separated and one of the males was agitated, cursing at officers and appeared to be bleeding from his lip. As the bleeding male was being placed in handcuffs, he alleged he did nothing wrong and the officers were assaulting him. The male then looked at an officer and spit blood on the officer's face. Officer's attempted to arrest the suspect and he was resistant and attempted to get away from them. Officers investigated the assault complaint and learned the male had assaulted family members in the home. The victim complied with the suspect and handed the suspect a bank

Pizza Delivery Driver Robbed—

On Tuesday, February 25, 2019 at approximately 10:28 PM, the Owatonna Police Department responded to a reported armed robbery at 494 St. Paul Pl. A Pizza Hut delivery person was reporting that approximately 15-20 minutes earlier, he was robbed at gun point while making a delivery to an apartment. The victim reported an unknown male standing by a building approached him and demanded money. The victim reported the suspect displayed a handgun that was covered by a black or dark colored towel; the victim reported observing the exposed barrel of the gun. The victim complied with the suspect and handed the suspect a bank bag that contained approximately $65 in cash and the suspect ran off. Owatonna officers and a Faribault police canine searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect or any evidence of the crime. The victim described the suspect as an unknown race male wearing a black mask, blue windbreaker and darker pants. The victim further described the suspect as approximately 6’-2” tall and approximately 150 pounds. The Owatonna Police Department has not made any arrests or identified a suspect in this case. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Christian Berg at 507-774-7220.

It's Never Routine—

Shoplifting calls are all too familiar for our officers and for the most part, uneventful, with the exception of Thursday. Our officers were called to Fleet Farm for a shoplifting in progress—loss prevention was reporting a male had concealed a knife. Loss prevention also provided information that the male was wearing clothing that may signify a membership to a motorcycle gang known for violence. Our officers arrived and met the suspect as he was exiting the store and he was immediately detained and secured in handcuffs. During a search, two knives were found, including the stolen knife and a fully loaded 9mm handgun. Also found was a small bag with presumptive positive methamphetamine. Travis Beckjorden, age 38 of Rochester, was arrested and jailed. Beckjorden’s criminal history revealed he was a felon convicted of crimes of violence and ineligible to possess firearms. He has been charged with [Illegal] Possession of a Firearm, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Theft.