SCDIU Raid Leads to Drugs and Marijuana Grow—

On March 12th a South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) investigation culminated in the arrest of two Owatonna residents. Beginning in December, SCDIU agents conducted five controlled buys of a male selling cocaine in the City of Owatonna; in all, more than 26 grams of presumptive positive cocaine were purchased from the male. On March 12th, SCDIU agents and Owatonna officers executed a search warrant at 408 Riverside Ave. Once inside, officers detected a strong odor of fresh marijuana emitting from the home. In all, officers and agents recovered 99 grams of presumptive positive cocaine, 1,159 grams of marijuana and 32 marijuana plants & growing equipment located in the basement. In addition, a Taurus 9mm and Smith & Wesson .380 were found in the home. Officers arrested two subjects, William I. Wilson, age 35 of Owatonna and Stephanie A. Wilson, age 32 of Owatonna. William Wilson has been charged with 1st Degree Sale of a [Controlled Substance], 1st Degree Possession of [Cocaine] and 5th Degree Possession of [Controlled Substance]. Stephanie Wilson has been charged with 1st Degree Possession of [Cocaine] and 5th Degree Possession of a [Controlled Substance].

Cops in the Community—

This past week many of our officers partnered with McKinley School over the lunch hour to have lunch with a student. In the photo below, Officer Val Satre is having fun at lunch making new friends!

Odd Place for a Nap—

During the early morning hours our officers were called to the 400 block of 12th St. SE for a van parked perpendicular in the roadway and blocking the street. Arriving officers found the van running, in drive with no footprints leading from the vehicle. Inside the van, officers observed a male who appeared to be sleeping in a rear seat. Officers were able to wake the male who stated he was OK, just sleeping. Officers detected signs of intoxication and he unsuccessfully performed roadside field sobriety tests. He was placed under arrest for suspicion of drunk driving and taken to jail for further DWI testing.

At the jail, the male provided a breath sample which showed an breath alcohol content of .23 or nearly three times the legal limit. Jacob Kaplan, age 23 of Owatonna, was formally charged with two counts of DWI. In an interview, Kaplan admitted what he had to drink affected his ability to drive...no kidding.