Death Threats Land One in Jail—

On March 23rd, an Owatonna resident called to report several voicemail and text messages that were threatening in nature. An acquaintance to the victim called the number leaving the threatening messages and was able to learn the identity of the suspect. The victim texted the suspect, asking the suspect to stop contacting him and his family members. Later, the victim received another voicemail and more text messages in which the suspect threatened to execute, kill and have the victim raped. On March 24th, our officers spotted the suspect walking on Elm Avenue and he was stopped and detained. While speaking with him, an officer twice called the telephone number. The purported threats were coming from and twice, a phone began ringing in the suspect’s pocket; the suspect was placed under arrest and jailed for suspicion of making terrorist threats. Sunday Puot, age 23 of Worthington, has been charged with Terroristic Threats and Stalking both felonies.

Sweet Treats—

Owatonna officers and staff were treated, literally, when a day-care group stopped by the law enforcement center on Wednesday afternoon. Philomena Seykoka’s Love and Learning Childcare kids dropped off cookies and notes of thanks to our officers for helping to keep the community safe. Thank you Philomena and all of the kids—the cookies and cards were a big hit!!

Child Abuse Prevention—

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. Children who are abused may show physical and behavioral signs. You may be a child’s only lifeline to safety. Child abuse is everyone’s business. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Minnesota Prairie County Alliance in Steele County, or the Owatonna Police Department or call 1-800-CHILDREN to speak with someone at Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota. Detective Sergeant Josh Sorensen is currently assigned to these types of investigations at the OPD—Josh can be reached directly at 507-774-7221.