Large Drug Seizure in Target Parking Lot—

Late Monday morning, Owatonna officers were called to the Target parking lot for a suspicious vehicle and occupants. Officers located the vehicle with its hood up and a male and female outside of the vehicle. In speaking with the male, an officer noticed a massive amount of paper currency sticking out the front of his pocket. The officer also noted the male was becoming nervous and it appeared he didn’t want the officer to know his identity—rightfully so, as he was found to have an outstanding felony warrant. As an officer attempted to arrest the male, he pushed the officer to attempt to run away—he was quickly taken to the ground and arrested. A Rice County narcotics detection canine was summoned to the scene and alerted on the vehicle to the presence of a controlled substance(s). A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered 11,848 ounces of presumptive positive methamphetamine concealed in the engine compartment. In addition to the drugs, $10,934 in cash and a 1999 Cadillac Deville were seized as part of this investigation. Jason W. Olson, age 47 of Faribault, has been charged with 1st Degree Possession of Methamphetamine.

Car Seat Restraint Specialist—

Officer Nathan Heeren recently attended a Child Passenger Safety Course and is now a certified inspector and installer for child restraint systems. This 30-hour course focused on rear facing infant and child seats and also forward facing child seats and booster seats. Officer Heeren, by appointment, can help you make sure that your car seat is properly installed and can answer any questions that you may have if you are an expecting parent or have children in their seats now. Officer Heeren can be reached through the Law Enforcement Dispatch Center. Below are two links that have helpful guides to car seats.

https://www.safekids.org/

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This past Sunday through Wednesday, Chief Keith Hiller, Captains Eric Rethemeyer & Jeff Mundale and Sergeant Josh Sorensen attended the Minnesota Chief of Police Association (MCPA) Executive Training Institute in St. Cloud. The training institute is the association’s annual professional development opportunity that features the nation’s leading speakers and law enforcement thinkers. The week was highlighted by keynote speaker, New York City Police Commissioner (Ret.) William Bratton. Bratton is a former two-time commissioner for the New York Police Department, commissioner of the Boston Police Department and police chief of the Los Angeles Police Department and spoke on police leadership, vision and communication in the 21st century.