Owatonna Officers Continue with On-duty Running Program—

On June 7th, an Owatonna officer stopped a vehicle at 10:50 PM for driving without headlights. The officer met with the driver who said he didn’t have his identification with him, but gave the officer his name and date of birth—he also told the officer he could just have his sister drop his identification off. If you’re a loyal reader of Just the Facts, you’ll know where this is going. The officer returned to his squad to confirm the name provided in the Department of Motor Vehicle database. As he did, out popped the driver who took off running. Strategically placed loose gravel ended the foot pursuit when the driver slipped and fell to the ground; he was taken into custody. A search of the driver incident to the arrest uncovered meth and marijuana and more meth in the car. Jason Horner, age 34 of Owatonna, has been charged with 3rd Degree Possession of [Methamphetamine], Giving a False Name to Police, Fleeing a Police Officer [on foot] and Driving after Suspension. In an interview, Horner admitted to giving the officer a false name because he had warrants.

Felony Domestic Assault—

On June 7th, Owatonna officers were called to an address in the 100 block of E. Main Street for a domestic assault. On arrival, responding officers could hear yelling coming from within the apartment. Inside the apartment, officers observed food and sauces all over the walls. In an interview with the victim and witness, it was reported the male suspect was yelling at the victim and in her face. The victim crouched down in a ball because she was scared. The suspect was hitting the victim on her hands as she was covering her face with her hands. The suspect was also on scene and placed under arrest. Tyrese Johnson, age 26 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of Domestic Assault-both felonies. Court records indicate he has been convicted of two or more qualified domestic-violence related incidents.

Shots Ring Out in NE Owatonna—

Last Saturday morning our officers were called to the area of the 1500 block of Prairie Lane for the reports of gun shots. A witness reported seeing a male with a gun and our officers arriving reported hearing gun shots from within a residence. Shortly thereafter, an officer observed a male exit the home carrying a weapon. The male was confronted by officers and after a few moments complied with the officer’s direction to drop the weapon. The male was taken into custody and a loaded and chambered handgun was seized. A witness to this event observed the suspect firing a weapon outside of a home. Patrick Rose, age 49 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with Reckless Discharge of a Firearm within a Municipality.