SCDIU Agents Arrest Three in a Raid—

On July 29th, South Central Drug Investigations Unit (SCDIU) agents culminated an investigation that began in May of a male suspect who had been selling THC cartridges, MDMA (methylene dioxy methyl amphetamine) pills and cocaine. On the 29th, agents executed a search warrant at the suspect’s residence where he was taken into custody. Also taken into custody was the suspect’s girlfriend, who was the driver of a vehicle in two of the drug transactions. Isaac Smith, age 33 of Owatonna, has been charged with 1st Degree Drug Sales. Similarly, Kimberly Britt, age 45 of Owatonna, was charged with 1st Degree Aid & Abet Drug Sales. Related to the execution of the warrant, an agent observed a third person arrive at the residence just prior to the execution of the warrant carrying a backpack. When the back pack was searched, a .40 Smith & Wesson handgun was located and the third person has been previously convicted of a crime of violence and prohibited from possessing any firearm.

Vehicle Pursuit—

Midday last Saturday, an Owatonna officer intended to stop a green Chevy Suburban for a driver’s license violation. The officer initiated the stop near Cedar Avenue and South Street; however, the bald-headed male driver failed to comply and sped off. The officer initiated a pursuit to the area of Central Park but quickly terminated the chase due to the driver’s recklessness and the concern for public safety. Shortly thereafter, a caller reported a crash involving a green vehicle and a bald-headed driver at the intersection of School & Main Street. There, the officer found the same green Suburban crashed and down the street, the bald-headed registered owner walking away. Christopher Hondl, age 48 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. Hondl has been charged with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle—a felony and Reckless Driving.

Night to Unite—

Last call!! Night to Unite is next Tuesday and we’re making the last of our plans. There is still time to register with the Owatonna Police Department for officers to stop by your block party. If registering is you on your list of to-do’s, please click on the NTU logo or contact Pamela Roberts at 507-774-7200.

Social Media Aids Investigation—

On Monday evening, Owatonna officers responded to an apartment in the 100 block of N. Cedar to assist a Steele County probation agent with a possession offense. Earlier, South Central Drug Investigation Agents received information of a probationer posing on social media with a handgun—in the photo the probationer was wearing a red long sleeve shirt and red athletic shoes. The probation agent searched the probationer’s residence and uncovered an empty box of .45 ammunition and a single 9mm cartridge. They also recovered a red Champion sweatshirt matching the shirt worn in the social media post. Dak Ret, age 23 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. Ret had previously been convicted of 2nd Degree Aggravated Robbery, a crime of violence, and is prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition; Ret has now been charged with that offense—a felony.