Just the Facts
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Don’t Let Summer be a Buzz Kill with a DWI—

Long drives, scenic bike rides and evening walks. They are part of summer in Minnesota, but if you’re an impaired driver, your summer days may abruptly end. Crashes involving alcohol continue to change Minnesotans lives forever. From 2014-2018 (preliminary), there were 127 people who lost their lives in drunk driving crashes during the summer months, the deadliest season. An End of Summer DWI Enforcement Campaign began Friday, August 16th and will go through Monday, September 2nd. During this enforcement campaign, officers, deputies and troopers from more than 300 agencies, including the Owatonna Police Department, will be working overtime to focus on DWI enforcement. Beyond the criminal side of a DWI, other DWI consequences may include the loss of your driver’s license for up to a year—repeat offenders or first time offenders that test at .16 or above must use ignition interlock for one year and offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

Trespasser Arrested—

Early Monday afternoon, our officers were called to a downtown Federated building for a suspicious male going through toolboxes on their property. A suspect matching the description was found in Central Park and had been previously trespassed from all Federated properties. It was determined the male had taken some tools/property from a contractor working for Federated and was unlawfully in possession of legend drugs. Due to the male’s activities, an Apprehension & Detention order was signed by his probation agent and he was placed under arrest and jailed. Patrick Powell, age 22 of Owatonna, was cited with Theft, Trespassing and Unlawful Possession of Legend Drugs—all misdemeanors.

Police Citizen’s Academy—

The Owatonna Police Department will be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy, beginning October 28, 2019 and running through December 16, 2019. Academy participants will meet Monday evenings for eight consecutive weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7203 or click here.

Daron Taylor, age 49 of Owatonna, has been charged with Violating the No Contact Order, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and DWI—Operating under the influence of a Controlled Substance.

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