Just the Facts

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Slow Speed Pursuit—

Back on August 27th, an Owatonna sergeant observed a male skateboarder skateboarding on the sidewalk on N. Cedar Ave—a violation of city ordinance. The male appeared to be the same ‘boarder given a warning by the same sergeant for the same activity just the night before. The sergeant pulled alongside the ‘boarder to stop him and speak with him again, but ‘boarder was not compliant and just kept skating along. The officer got in behind the ‘boarder, activated his lights and siren to no avail, the ‘boarder kept skating away. Finally, the ‘boarder ditched the skateboard and began running away. Another sergeant arrived to assist and the fleeing skateboarder seemed to run out of gas and was taken into custody in a parking lot. The fleeing ‘boarder was placed under arrest and a subsequent search uncovered .42 grams of methamphetamine in his pocket. Chris Rivas, age 23 of Faribault, was charged with Fleeing a Police Officer and 5th Degree Possession of a controlled substance.

Shooting Investigation—

Very early Tuesday morning at approximately 2:30 AM, our community was disturbed by the report of five to six guns shots being fired and a vehicle speeding away from 525 South Cedar Avenue. Arriving officers were waved down by a male who reported hearing the shots. Investigating officers found several bullet casing in the driveway to the apartment building. No persons were injured in the shooting and no arrests have been made. We do not believe this was a random act and was targeted. Anyone with information related to this shooting is encouraged to contact the Owatonna Police Department Detective Bureau at 507-774-7207.

Don’t Get Spoofed—

Spoofing occurs when someone fakes caller ID details that appear on your phone to trick you into revealing personal information. How does it work? Your caller ID displays a caller’s name and number, but it can be manipulated to make it seem like someone else is calling.

To prevent getting spoofed:

- Never give account numbers, social security numbers, passwords or other personal information to unexpected callers.
- Be careful if you are being pressured for information immediately.
- If the caller purports to be from a government agency or business, hang up and call the agency or business directly to confirm the request.

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