SCDIU Agents Raid Home on North Oak—

On November 13th, South Central Drug Investigation Agents executed a search warrant at 721 N. Oak Avenue—a home that had been under investigation since March. On the 13th, two vehicles seen leaving the home were stopped and the drivers subsequently arrested for possession of controlled substances—one of the drivers admitted to purchasing the drugs at the 721 address. Subsequently, a search warrant for the home and a camper on the property was granted and executed. During the search, meth residue, 5.3 grams of meth, schedule III anabolic steroids, schedule IV Clonazepam pills and over 5 ½ pounds of marijuana were located. In addition, two shotguns and pistol ammunition was seized. At the property, two males were arrested and jailed. Michael McClatchey, age 45 of Owatonna, has been charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Illegal Possession of Ammunition/Firearm. McClatchey had been previously convicted of a crime of violence and is ineligible to possess a firearm or ammunition. Similar, Jordan Kelley, age 35 of Faribault, was charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Illegal Possession of Ammunition/Firearm—Kelly had been previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a crime of violence.

Cops in the Community—

On November 6th, our entire Detective Bureau paid a visit to St. Mary’s School and specifically the Middle School’s Forensics Class. The bureau has been working with the Owatonna Middle School’s forensic classes for the past few years and it has been a big hit. At St. Mary’s, the bureau talked about the types of crimes we respond to, crime scene processing and answered lots and lots of questions. Visiting St. Mary’s were Sergeant Andy Drenth, Detectives Matt Oeltjenbruns, Brady Vaith, Christian Berg, Zack Schumaker, Steve Bowman and Evidence Technician Kimberly Dub. The kids seemed to enjoy it as evidenced by the thank you photo they sent!!

Wear the Badge—

The Minnesota Chief’s of Police Association has released another video from their Wear the Badge series. In this episode you’ll meet Investigator Keandre Ghoram of the Duluth Police Department. Originally from Baton Rouge, Investigator Ghoram grew up in a neighborhood gripped with violence and drugs and Investigator Ghoram wanted to be a person to stand up against drugs and violence and inspire youth toward a better way. To view the video, click on the Wear the Badge logo to the right.

Police Citizen’s Academy—

The Citizen’s Academy group continued with Monday night sessions, two weeks ago meeting with a couple of our Use of Force instructors Matt Oeltjenbruns & Travis Ardolf and Drone Pilot Joel Hunt. In that session, they learned about case law & state statutes that govern our use of force. They learned about our use of force equipment and participated in some use of force scenarios. With the drone, the class learned about our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), it capabilities and uses. This past Monday, the Group met with Captain Eric Rethemeier and Detective Christian Berg who spoke about Detective Bureau operations, including: domestic abuse investigations, predatory offenders, alcohol/tobacco compliance checks, school resource officers, property & evidence, pre-employment background investigations, sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation investigations.