Late Night Speeder Found with Stolen Gun—

Late on December 26th, an Owatonna officer stopped a vehicle that was spotted speeding on S. Oak Avenue. While speaking with the driver, the officer could smell an odor of raw marijuana coming from the vehicle which led to a search of the car. As the driver exited the vehicle, the officer observed an uncased pistol in the driver's door pocket. The driver admitted to carrying the weapon for protection and acknowledged he did not have a permit to carry a concealed weapon. A records check of the pistol revealed it had been reported stolen from Columbia County, Georgia. The driver, Brandon Etheridge, age 33 of Augusta, Ga., was arrested and jailed. Etheridge has been charged with Receiving Stolen Property and Carrying a Pistol in Public without a Permit.

Wanted Fugitive Faces More Charges—

Last Saturday afternoon our officers were called to the library for an assault that took place in an apartment in the 200 block of East Broadway. The investigating officers learned that a dispute took place between the apartment resident and another guest that had been staying at the apartment. The dispute lead to the guest throwing the victim into a bedroom, bathroom and punching the victim in the gut. The victim told the suspect to leave; when he did so, the suspect came at the victim with something in hand as if to attack the victim. The victim fled the apartment, but not before the suspect threatened to kill him if he called the cops. Officers returned to the apartment, and shortly thereafter, observed the suspect exiting the building and took him into custody. Officers observed the apartment in disarray and injury to the victim’s elbow. Brian Maestre-Revis was arrested and has been charged with Threats of Violence and two counts of 5th Degree Assault. In addition to the new charges, Maestre-Revis was also arrested for outstanding warrants in Steele and Rice Counties.

City Snowmobiling Regulations—

With snow on the ground, snowmobile enthusiasts have already been out on their sleds. As a snowmobiler, it is important to know the regulation of operating a snowmobile within the city limits of Owatonna. The city snowmobile ordinance is highlighted below:

- A snowmobile may only be operated on a city street going to and from the city limits and on the most direct route.
- It is unlawful to operate on private property without written permission from the property occupant or owner.
- Snowmobiles may not be operated on school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas or golf courses.
- Snowmobiles shall not create loud, or unnecessary noise to create a public nuisance.
- Snowmobiles shall not be used in a careless or reckless manner.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in the downtown area.
- The absolute speed limit of a snowmobile operated in the city limits is 15 miles per hour.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in the city limits between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM.
- No one under the age of 14 shall operate a snowmobile within the city.

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