Just the Facts

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Warrant Arrest Leads to More Charges—

On February 6th, an Owatonna officer received information of a wanted person staying in a room at the Executive Inn. The officer went to the hotel and found a female in the room reported to house the fugitive. The female indicated she was staying with a male named Jose. The officer knew the person he was looking for went by the alias of Jose. A male then exited the bathroom and was recognized as the wanted person and he was placed under arrest. When searching the suspect incident to the arrest, the suspect was in possession of a presumptive positive methamphetamine pipe and non-prescribed Schedule IV pills, Clonazepam. Victor Villalobos-Martinez, age 37 of Owatonna, has been charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in addition to his outstanding warrants from Dakota and Steele County.

Domestic Violence Draws Felony Charges—

On Wednesday morning at 6:00 AM, our officers were called to an apartment on 22nd St. NW. for the report of a physical domestic. The responding officers met the reporting victim in the hallway to the apartment. An alleged argument had ensued in the morning hours which lead to fighting and wrestling. The victim indicated she was going to take a child and leave. The suspect allegedly met the victim in a hallway, placing her in a headlock and causing the victim to fall to the ground. The suspect wrapped both hands around the victim’s neck and arm’s apple causing the victim’s eyesight to go fuzzy. Officers observed abrasions around the victim’s neck and shoulder and dried blood on the victim’s lower lip. The suspect was located at the residence and placed under arrest.

Cops in the Community—

On Wednesday evening, Officer Nathan Heeren was a guest speaker at the Owatonna Senior Center for an AARP Drivers Safety Class. Officer Heeren supplied the class attendees with information on new traffic laws, driving trends, and distracted driving and answered questions during a Q&A session.

In observance of the Presidents Day Holiday, police records and administration will be closed on Monday, February 17th. Regular & emergency police services will continue during the holiday.