Early Morning DWI Arrests—

Early this morning our officers made a couple of interesting DWI arrests. The first arrest came about while an officer was pulled to the side of the road finishing up a traffic stop; the officer still had his emergency lights on when he was passed by a vehicle that failed to move over to the left for an emergency vehicle (Ted Foss law—see above). The officer cleared the stop he was on and proceeded to stop the car that failed to move over. In doing so, he found the driver showed signs of intoxication, and after failing roadside sobriety tests, was arrested for DWI. A breath test revealed an alcohol content of .16 or twice the legal limit to drive. Kristin Olson, age 24 of Owatonna, was charged with two counts of 2nd Degree DWI—gross misdemeanors.

The second DWI resulted after an officer spotted a vehicle off the roadway on the railroad tracks near the intersection of Glendale and Riverside. It appeared the driver was going to turn right onto Riverside, but turned too early and drove onto the railroad tracks. The railroad was contacted to warn them of the vehicle stuck on the tracks. This driver too showed signs of intoxication, similarly failing field sobriety testing and was arrested. In this case, the driver took a breath test which revealed a breath alcohol content of .20 or 2 ½ times the legal limit to drive. Melissa Carrasco, age 39 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of DWI—gross misdemeanors.