Passenger Thrown from Moving Car—

Early Tuesday morning, our officers were called to the area of the 500 block of Adams Avenue for the report of a female who had fallen out of a moving car during an argument. The victim reported a break-up was taking place and she went into her boyfriend’s car to gather belongings. The victim was sitting in the car with the door partly ajar when the driver began to drive away. The driver turned out of the driveway, causing the victim to fly out of the open door. The victim suffered abrasions on her left knee, right elbow and forearm and complained of back pain. The victim declined Mayo Ambulance medical assistance. The driver has been charged with Careless Driving and Driving after Revocation.

Stolen Vehicle—

On Tuesday morning, an unsuspecting community member left their car running, unlocked and unattended at an apartment building while they ran inside for just a minute. As has been the case too many times this year, those very actions created an opportunity for a lurking thief and the car was stolen. An alert was sent out to neighboring communities and the vehicle was located by the Faribault Police Department, unoccupied. The car has been returned to the owner and the theft remains under investigation. These types of circumstances happen all too often—please protect yourself from being victimized by shutting your car off, taking your keys with you and locking it, even if only for a minute.

Department Update—

Beginning on Friday morning, a video intercom system became operational in our vestibule at the law enforcement center. The system was installed to allow our officers & Steele County deputies to virtually meet with community members when the situation is appropriate. This method of operation is to comply with social distancing and to help keep our essential public safety officers and community members safe.

Stolen Gun Investigation—

On Monday afternoon our officers were called to a private residence for the theft of a Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun. It was reported the victim was disabled and had some people doing odds and ends around the home to help the victim out—it was believed one of these helpers may have taken the pistol. The following day, information was received on the location of the stolen gun and it was recovered. This case remains under investigation.