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Just the Facts

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The Beginning of Porch Pirate Season?

The COVID-19 pandemic, the holiday season, online shopping and home delivery will likely increase the opportunities for *porch pirates* to help themselves to your purchases. The first reported *porch pirate* theft of the holiday season took place this past week and serves as a good reminder to protect your home-delivery purchases from thieves patrolling the neighborhoods. For the record, this theft took place in the 200 block of 16th St. NE., and according to delivery records, packages were stolen within an hour of delivery. To protect yourself, consider the following:



- If possible, have your packages delivered to your workplace
- Require a signature for delivery
- If you're not going to be home, reroute or reschedule delivery
- Have the package delivered to a neighbor or friend you know will be home
- Sign up for delivery tracking/notifications so you'll be notified as soon as the packages arrives
- If you'll be away, have delivery held by the carrier
- Consider installing an obvious security camera to deter a thief

Patience and Persuasion—



Andrew Roseland

Early Sunday morning, just after midnight, an Owatonna patrol officer observed a motorist fail to yield and almost strike two pedestrians near the intersection of Main St. and Cedar Ave. The officer stopped the vehicle and observed clues of intoxication. The officer asked the driver to exit the vehicle to perform roadside field sobriety test. The driver refused, rolling up his window and locking the vehicle doors. For approximately 17-minutes, the officer used patience and persuasion with the driver to get him to shut off and exit the vehicle. Subsequently, the driver failed field sobriety testing and was arrested. The driver later provided a breath sample which indicated a breath alcohol concentration of .18, or twice the legal limit to drive. Andrew Roseland, age 37 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of 3rd Degree DWI—both gross misdemeanors.

Thanks for the Tip—

On Friday evening, an Owatonna patrol officer stopped a car in the downtown area for an equipment violation. During the stop, a backseat passenger was gesturing and mouthing words to the officer. The officer had the passenger exit the vehicle and he told the officer there was a lot of s#t in the vehicle, referring to drugs. The officer interviewed the driver who admitted to methamphetamine and heroin in the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, 22.6 grams of presumptive meth, 22.6 grams of presumptive heroin and .8 grams of presumptive Fentanyl was recovered. Andy Hiebert, age 43 of Owatonna, was arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Possession of Heroin and 3rd Degree Possession of a Narcotic other than Heroin—both felonies.



Andy Hiebert

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