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The Owatonna Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community through partnerships, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Policing excellence through our People, our Work, and our Relationships

Just the Facts

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Drug Shipment Intercepted—

On April 20th, a detective with the MSP Airport Police Department notified the South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) of a package destined for Owatonna that contained 54.5 grams of presumptive cocaine and 139.3 grams of presumptive marijuana. Working with airport police, SCDIU agents and Owatonna Police detectives planned a controlled delivery of the package utilizing an undercover officer. Once the package had been delivered and received, a search warrant was executed at 222 Linden Avenue where the receiver of the package was arrested. The receiver was also found to have a federal US Marshall's warrant for his arrest for failing to comply on federal probation for a weapons conviction. Roberto Rocha, age 35 of Odessa, Texas, has been charged locally with 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.



Roberto Rocha

Department News—

This week we welcome our newest patrol officer to the department, Tony Malepsy, filling a vacancy created by another officer's departure. Tony may be new officer, but he brings a sense of familiarity—he is a former Owatonna community service officer (2010-2013) and Steele County Deputy. Most recently, Tony was a deputy with the Rice County Sheriff's Office. Please join us in welcoming Tony back to serve the citizens of Owatonna!

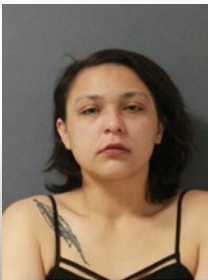


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Cops in the Community—

On Thursday morning, Owatonna Police Department community service officers, reserves and explorers were involved in the Community Pathways Truck to Trunk Food Distribution. Community Service Officer Julia Hanson, Reserves Bill Traetow, Asberry Thoreson, Maddie Ziegler and Explorers Dietrich Piepho and Abby Morriss helped load cars at the distribution site.

DWI Arrest—



Krystal Laroque

Early Saturday morning, our patrol officers were called to personal injury crash at 3rd Ave. NW and 21st St. NW. Arriving officers found a vehicle off the roadway and on top of a small tree. The vehicle also matched the description of a vehicle that was driving erratically in the McDonalds parking lot only 10 minutes earlier. Officers located the female driver and a small child in the vehicle—neither with any apparent injuries. Officers noted the driver was exhibiting signs of intoxication and she became agitated as officers removed the child from its car seat, interfering with the officers efforts. The driver refused to exit the vehicle and began to forcefully resist the officers. The driver was arrested and transported to the Owatonna Hospital where a search warrant was obtained for a blood sample to determine her blood alcohol content. Krystal Laroque, age 29 of Owatonna, has been charged with 3rd Degree DWI and Obstructing the Legal Process.

Our Team

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Captain Jeff Mundale

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Michael Brein
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