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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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Night to Unite is Back!!—

Night to Unite always falls on the 1st Tuesday in August. The Owatonna Police Department encourages you to participate in this great celebration of community, crime prevention, and strong police community partnership. Celebrating MINNESOTA NIGHT TO UNITE with Owatonna Police Department and your neighbors is a positive way to build and nurture our community. Night to Unite is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts, and most importantly it is a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community. Join us in celebrating on AUGUST 3, 2021! Visit the Police Department Website <http://www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/170/Police> to register your party or contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200 or Wendy Gasner 507-774-7204.



Heat and Pets—

Our warm spring and summer seems to have lead to an uptick in the number of

calls involving pets left unattended in a car. If you leave your pets in a vehicle, even if it is only for a few minutes, you put your pet at risk of serious illness or death. According to information published by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the temperatures inside your vehicle can rise almost 20 degrees in just 10 minutes and the longer you leave your pet unattended, the higher it goes and cracking a window makes no difference. On an 80-degree day, after 20 minutes, the temperature inside the vehicle will be an estimated 109 degrees!! Let's do our pets a favor—do we need to take them with us? If the answer is no, leave them safely at home and avoid risking their health. And finally, in Minnesota, it is a crime to subject your animal to an act, omission or neglect which

causes or permits unnecessary or unjustifiable pain, suffering, or death.



Domestic Violence Arrest—

On June 20th, our patrol staff responded to a call of a domestic assault in progress—responding officers were told a male suspect had thrown a flowerpot at a female victim and dumped cleaning chemicals on her.



Shane Johnson

The victim was found crying and distraught, covered in a white powder. They also observed a red mark on her right bicep and an apparent bite mark and bruising on her right arm. The victim reported a scuffle took place while she was removing property from the residence—the suspect ended up on top of her and pinned her to the ground. The victim freed herself and as she gathered more items, she alleged she was pushed, bitten and had Comet poured on her. The suspect was arrested on the scene and jailed. Shane Johnson, age 41 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of Domestic Assault—both counts were enhanced to felonies due to two previous domestic violence related offense convictions.

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