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Just the Facts

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Don't Veer for Deer—

Deer-vehicle crashes peak in the autumn months, but Minnesota's large deer population makes them a safety hazard on the road all year long, even in the city and law enforcement vehicles are not immune. On Monday night, 3-4 deer crossed the W. Frontage Rd. right in front an officer who was unable to stop in time and resulted in a crash. The image above is from squad video moments before the crash. The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety suggests these tips to avoid deer crashes—



- Drive at safe speeds and always be buckled up
- Be especially cautious when deer are most active 6 – 9 PM
- Use high beams as much as possible
- Don't swerve to avoid a deer. Swerving can cause motorists to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic.
- Deer do unpredictable things – they stop in the middle of the road when crossing; cross and quickly re-cross back; and move toward an approaching vehicle. Blow horn to urge deer to leave the road. Stop if the deer stays on the road, don't try to go around it.

Winter Weather Awareness—



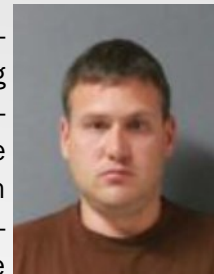
To help Minnesota residents minimize risks and mitigate the hazards of winter,

the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the National Weather Service and other state, federal and non-profit agencies, sponsor "Winter Hazard Awareness Week" each fall to educate, inform, remind and reinforce the behaviors that lead to a warm, safe and enjoyable winter season. The week-long educational campaign begins on November 15th and runs through week. The daily topics can be seen by clicking the following links:

- November 15th [Winter Storms](#)
- November 16th [Outdoor Winter Safety](#)
- November 17th [Winter Fire Safety](#)
- November 18th [Indoor Winter Safety](#)
- November 19th [Winter Driving](#)

Whisper Solicitor Arrested—

On November 6th, our detective assigned to the MN Human Trafficking Task Force began conducting an undercover online investigation on the *Whisper* social media platform with an individual who believed he was conversing with a 15-year old girl. The user began steering the conversation in a sexual direction and sent explicit photographs to the detective. On November 8th, the individual contacted the detective again, planning a trip to Owatonna for sexual purposes. The detective was able to positively identify the individual and set up surveillance near Arby's to intercept the male when he arrived in Owatonna. While on surveillance, the suspect was observed in the Arby's drive thru—as he exited the lot he was stopped. Jeremiah Young, age 36 of Annandale, was arrested and charged with Attempted 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, Soliciting a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct and Distributing via Electronic Communication Material that Relates/Describes Sexual Conduct to a Child.



Jeremiah Young

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