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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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We're Betting on Vegas—

Last Thursday, just before midnight, a patrol officer stopped a vehicle for a driver the officer knew to have a suspended driver's license. As the officer approached the vehicle, he saw the driver making furtive movements into the center console of the vehicle and saw his hands shaking. The male driver and female passenger gave conflicting accounts of how long they had been together and were both on probation for drug offenses. Based on this, our narcotic detecting canine, Vegas, was summoned to the scene to conduct a sniff of the vehicle. Vegas performed his duties and gave an alert of narcotics in the vehicle. During a search, 2.2 grams of marijuana/packaging and 3.7 grams of presumptive methamphetamine/packaging were uncovered in the vehicle. Samuel Bolton, age 21, of Owatonna was arrested and has been charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle and Driving After Suspension. Incidentally, this same officer knew Bolton was suspended because he stopped him the night before and arrested him for suspicion of DWI.



Samuel Bolton

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, records and police administrative staff will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. Regular and emergency police service will continue during the holiday.

Domestic Violence Arrest—



Jonathan Slack

On Saturday morning, patrol units were called to an address in the 500 block of Phelps St. for a domestic disturbance. Our arriving units found a crying and distraught female victim. The victim reported she had been thrown to the floor and choked by her husband—the victim reported getting held by her throat and gasping for air. The victim also reported getting thrown to the ground, striking her head. Officers observed a lump on the right side of the victim's head about the size of a golf ball and red marks on the right side of her neck. Jonathan Slack, age 42, of Owatonna, met with officers and was placed under arrest. Slack has been charged with Domestic Assault by Strangulation—a felony and two counts of misdemeanor Domestic Assault.

A DWI is no Holiday—

Family gatherings and holiday travel are returning to normal, along with the joys and sometimes stress of getting together. Holiday celebrations and alcohol often go hand-in-hand, and sometimes people lose track of how many drinks they've consumed. This can often lead to driving under the influence. To help keep families together this holiday season, the Owatonna Police Department, along with law enforcement statewide, will focus on extra DWI patrol and awareness campaigns starting November 24th and going through New Year's Eve. Law enforcement will be looking for drivers who appear impaired, whether by alcohol or other substances, so plan for a safe ride—designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternate transportation option or stay at the location of your celebration.



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