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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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Congratulations to Sergeant Andy DeVinny—

Congratulations to Sergeant Andy DeVinny. Andy recently received a 25-year anniversary ring, compliments of Jostens. Some time ago, Jostens started a unique relationship with the department by honoring those police officers who have served with the Owatonna Police Department for 25-years with an anniversary ring. Since the inception of the relationship, Jostens has honored 16 former and current employees with a customized 25th anniversary ring. Earlier this year, Captains Eric Rethemeier (28+ years) and Jeff Mundale (26+ years) received a ring. We are very thankful to Jostens for recognizing these officers for their dedication to the Owatonna community.



What's Behind Door #1—

Last Friday evening, patrol officers were called to Walmart for a theft—a female was alleged to have stolen a television. The suspect had left the scene with the goods in a vehicle with a

male driver, but a license plate number led our officers to a home on Fremont Street. A male invited our officers into the home to look around where they observed a hand through a crack in a TV stand—the hand was connected to a female hiding in the stand. The female told the officers, *if it is about the TV, I brought it back*. The female was found to have a warrant and arrested. Subsequent to the arrest, the female was found in possession of presumptive methamphetamine. Also in the residence, officers located the stolen TV. The male, Andy Hiebert, age 45 of Owatonna, was ticketed for Receiving Stolen Property. The female, Mercedez Rocha, age 21 of Rochester, was charged with Theft and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.

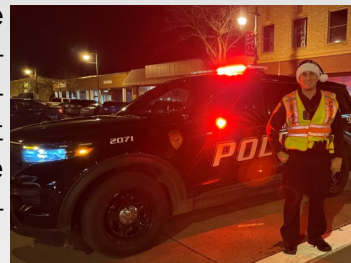


Mercedez Rocha

The male driver had a cancelled driver's license, was showing signs of impairment and arrested for suspicion of DWI—a felony. Chadd Mayer, age 55 of Kasson, has been charged with DWI-refusal to submit to a test, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving after Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety, Intent to Escape Motor Vehicle Tax, Driving without Ignition Interlock, Altered/Defaced Motor Vehicle Registration, Failure to Transfer Motor Vehicle Title, Open Bottle and, Aiding and Abetting Theft. Formal charges are pending for the female.

Cops in the Community—

This isn't Santa Claus or one of his elves disguised in a police uniform, but our very own Officer Andrew Van Osdale. Andrew was one of our many officers and community service officers helping direct traffic this past week at the Holiday Light-Ed Parade.



A Litany of Charges—

On Monday evening, our patrol officers were called to Fleet Farm for a theft in progress. The arriving officers found the suspect vehicle pulling into the Fleet Farm convenience store occupied by a male driver and female passenger. They found the vehicle license plates had been al-



Chadd Mayer

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