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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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DWI with additional Gun Charges—

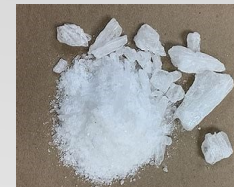
On December 25, 2021 at approximately 12:15 am, an Owatonna officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Upon making contact with the driver, the officer noticed several open containers of alcohol within the vehicle. After the driver failed his field sobriety tests, he was arrested for probable cause DWI. During the search of the vehicle, a loaded handgun was located. Carter Hagen (21) of Geneva was arrested on 4th degree DWI, carrying a pistol while under the influence of alcohol, and possession of a pistol without a permit in a public place. Keton Brown (23) of Owatonna was arrested as a passenger for outstanding felony warrants.



Carter Hagen

Familiar Face—

On December 29, 2021, the Owatonna Police Department assisted the Department of Corrections on a home visit. During this visit, a DOC agent located approximately one and a half pounds of methamphetamine hidden inside the home. Kevin Welch (44) of Owatonna was arrested for first degree possession stemming from the search. Kevin Welch was recently released from prison after serving one year of his ten-year sentence for a previous first-degree drug charge. In his 2019 conviction, he possessed two pounds of methamphetamine.



Kevin Welch

Ice Safety Considerations—

The beginning of the ice formation is a good time to send out a reminder that ice is never 100% safe. Venturing on a frozen pond, lake or river requires caution, but especially at this time of the year. Minnesota's past has shown the lure of wandering out onto an unsafe frozen body of water and it turning deadly. Don't become a headline or a statistic when considering to head out onto a frozen lake or body of water. Check out the graphic to the side to help make an informed decision. For more information on thin ice dangers, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has more information [here](#).



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