Wanted Person Flees—

On September 25th, an Owatonna detective spotted an individual in the downtown area who our officers had been on the lookout for recently for several outstanding warrants. As patrol officers moved into the area to take the male into custody, he began running and jumped a fence into the Alexander Lumber yard. Officers set up a perimeter around the yard and found the male hiding behind a stack of drywall. The male claimed he had just ingested pills and illegal street drugs and was transported to the Owatonna hospital. After receiving treatment and being discharged to go to jail, the mail became combative. Shayne Bowers, age 30 of Winona, was arrested on six outstanding warrants and faces additional charges of Fleeing a Police Officer on Foot and Marijuana/Paraphernalia related charges.

Barking Dog Leads to Burglary Charges—

On Tuesday morning, officers were called to 2747 26th Street NW for the report of a person hit with a black baton. Officers learned this residence is a multi-resident housing building with individually rented rooms. A dispute took place over a dog barking in the building and disturbing a resident. After an exchange of words, an adult female resident kicked in the door of the victim that complained of the barking dog and a juvenile entered the apartment and assaulted the victim. Officers observed the victim’s door frame had been damaged and the victim had a split lower lip. The adult female and juvenile were arrested at the scene. Charlena Crawford, age 43 of Owatonna, has been charged with 1st Degree Burglary. The juvenile faces similar charges.

Dog Bites—

Did you know that the Owatonna Police Department investigates bite incidents? Owatonna community service officers are our in-house experts on animals and typically investigate these cases to determine the cause of the bite and whether the dog needs to be declared potentially dangerous or dangerous. A potentially dangerous dog is one that when unprovoked, inflicts bites on a human or domesticated animal on public or private property; or chases or approaches a person on any private or public land other the dog owner’s property in an apparent attitude of attack. On the other hand, a dangerous dog is one that without provocation, inflicts substantial bodily harm on a human; killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner’s property; or was previously declared potentially dangerous and the dog subsequently aggressively bites, attacks or endangers the safety of human or domestic animals.

Cops in the Community—

On Monday morning, Officer Matt Oeltjenbruns and McGruff the crime dog visited the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church preschool classes. Officer Oeltjenbruns spoke to the kids about the role of a police officer and his duties. If you’re looking for an officer, or a McGruff visit, please contact Pamela Roberts at 507-774-7200.