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slow down and stop. The machines also make wide turns and sometimes cross over the center line. They also can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors require all drivers to exercise extra caution during harvest season.

- Approaching farm equipment with caution can help prevent crashes. In the last five years (2015-2019), 14 people died on Minnesota roads as a result of a crash involving farm equipment.
- In the last five years (2015-2019), 29 people suffered life-changing injuries as a result of a crash involving farm equipment.

As Motorists:

- Watch for falling debris or debris in the road.
- Don't veer for debris, it could result in a head-on collision or a driver going into a ditch.
- Wait for a safe opportunity to pass. Farm equipment operators often make wide left turns, which can indicate to a motorist that the operator is moving right and it is safe to pass.

Just the Facts

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SCDIU Investigation Culminates with an Arrest—

This past week, a South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) investigation culminated with the arrest of a man from Minneapolis. In September, a SCDIU agent met with a male who agreed to sell the agent an ounce of methamphetamine. The transaction took place in the city of Owatonna with the agent purchasing 29 grams of meth. Further conversation between the agent and suspect mentioned the exchange of meth for guns with the suspect stating, *Yeah, we like guns*. On October 2nd, the SCDIU agent and suspect agreed to trade 7 firearms in exchange for 6 ounces of meth. The agent met the suspect in the Medford Mall to complete the exchange—the weapons had been disabled to make them non-functional. During the exchange, the suspect took possession of the weapons in exchange for 171 grams of presumptive methamphetamine. After the exchange, the suspect was immediately arrested. During a subsequent search of the suspect, he made a spontaneous utterance, saying, *I'm about to do some real [...] time for this dumb [...]*. Nehemiah Edris, age 22, has been charged with 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree Sale of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Court records indicate Edris had been adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence and ineligible to possess a firearm.



Nehemiah Edris

Seasonal Traffic Advisory—

Even though most Owatonna streets are in an urban environment, motorists traveling on outlying roadways of Owatonna and greater Minnesota highways need to be aware of large, slow-moving farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants. Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate,

Domestic Violence Awareness—

As domestic related investigations and arrests continue, we remind our readers that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women & 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner each year. Domestic violence affects every American—it can happen to anyone in any community regardless of age, status, race, religion or educational background and according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, most cases are never reported to the police. If you have reason to suspect someone you know is a victim of domestic violence—do not ignore it. Should you witness abuse, whether it is someone you know or a complete stranger, call the police immediately. If you know someone who is a perpetrator, let him or her know it is a crime. Explain you strongly disapprove of their behavior and encourage him or her to get help.



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