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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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Double Trouble—

Last Saturday evening, a concerned citizen called to report a possible order for protection violation taking place at a downtown apartment. Officers responded to the apartment and when knocking, heard noises within. After several attempts, a female, the protected person in the order, answered the door. Officers continued to hear other noise in the apartment and suspected the male subject of the order was in the apartment. The female admitted the male was in the apartment and allowed officers inside. Officers located the male hiding in the bathroom. After a brief amount of resistance, the male was arrested and jailed. Jesus Ortiz III, age 33, of Owatonna was charged with Violating an Order for Protection. The following day, Ortiz was released from custody at approximately 4:00PM. Shortly thereafter, the same victim received an email purported to be from Ortiz insisting she drop the order. A witness corroborated the male sent the email, another violation of the Order for Protection. Officers went to an address to arrest Ortiz a second time. As officers were knocking on the front door, Ortiz tried slipping out the back and into the waiting arms of an officer. Ortiz now faces two additional charges of Violating an Order for Protection and Violating a No Contact Order—both gross misdemeanors.



Jesus Ortiz III

Domestic Violence Arrest—

On Tuesday evening, Owatonna officers were called to the area of the 100-block of 21st St. NW., for a domestic assault. Responding officers learned a female suspect had intentionally struck a male victim with a car, rammed into another car and assaulted another female before fleeing the area. Investigating officers tended to the male who had reportedly been struck twice and pinned between the suspect car and another parked car—he was later transported to the Owatonna Hospital. During the course of the assault, the suspect side-swiped another vehicle and then physically assaulted a female in the side-swiped vehicle. The female suspect was later located and arrested in Austin. Back in Owatonna, the suspect stated in an interview with a detective that she struck the male on purpose and wished she had killed him. The victim and suspect were in a previous relationship. Dezirae Huff, Age 19 of Austin, has been charged with two counts of 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, 1st Degree Damage to Property—felonies and 5th Degree Assault.



Dezirae Huff

Construction Site Theft—

Commercial and residential building sites scattered throughout the town are a good sign for economic development but offers a target for would be thieves. We've noticed an uptick of late of thefts at these sites, with both tools and materials being stolen. Our officers are patrolling these areas frequently at night, resulting in a late-night warrant arrest of an individual leaving a site earlier this week. However, we also see opportunity—last night alone, officers noted several unsecured sites with tools accessible to a would-be prowler. If you see suspicious activity at these construction sites, please call 911 to report the activity.



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