



THE OWATONNA POLICE
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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

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Just the Facts

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Warrants and Drugs—

On Tuesday evening, an Owatonna patrol officer stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. While meeting with the two occupants in the vehicle, the driver struggled to provide answers to questions and indicated he didn't know the passenger and was just giving him a ride; the passenger contradicted this, indicating he had known the driver for years. The passenger was identified and found to have four outstanding arrest warrants—he was placed under arrest. A search subsequent to the arrest uncovered two pipes and presumptive positive methamphetamine residue. A search of the vehicle uncovered a backpack owned by the passenger that contained additional drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine. In addition to dealing with his warrants, Alfredo Garza, age 39 of Owatonna, faces a charge of 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—a felony.



Alfredo Garza

Pay My Fine— Off-road Vehicle DWI—

As an enhanced service, beginning Monday, March 1st, pay-

Late last Saturday night, an Owatonna patrol supervisor was traveling on Hoffman Dr. near North St. when he observed a vehicle coming at him at a high rate of speed. The sergeant watched the vehicle lose control and begin to fishtail. The driver seemed to overcorrect and drove into the median and got stuck in a snowbank. The sergeant arrived as the driver got his vehicle out of the snowbank. As the sergeant spoke with the driver, he observed signs of intoxication. The driver performed roadside field sobriety tests, failed and was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving. A breath test revealed a breath alcohol concentration of .17 or more than twice the legal limit to drive. Steven Luebben, age 22 of Kenyon, has been charged with two counts of 3rd Degree DWI—gross misdemeanors.



Steven Luebben

Order for Protection Violation—

Last Sunday evening, Owatonna officers were called to a disturbance downtown in the 100 block of N. Cedar. Arriving officers were flagged down by a female in the 100 block of W. Broadway; the female was with a male. Officers learned a dispute took place over property—they also learned there was a current domestic abuse order for protection between the two that prohibited the male from having contact with the female. Charles Ellis, age 41 of Owatonna, was arrested and charged by citation with violating the order.



Charles Ellis

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