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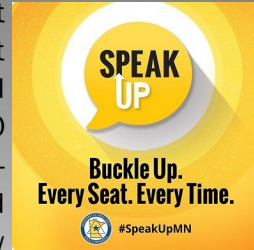
# Just the Facts

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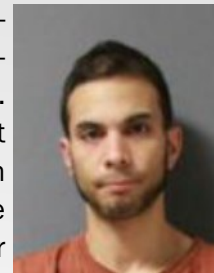
## Buckle Up Minnesota—

Buckling up in a vehicle is an automatic move for most Minnesotans and people across the country, and it works. The lives saved by seat belts nationwide would fill a professional sports stadium - more than 69,000 people (2015-2019) according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But, with unbelted deaths in Minnesota outpacing previous years, law enforcement agencies statewide, including the Owatonna Police Department, will be focusing on extra seat belt patrols May 24<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> to stop the growing loss of life. Preliminary reports show 38 unbelted motorists died as of May 21 compared with 25 this time last year, a 52 percent increase. This follows a deadly 2020 when 112 unbelted motorists died on Minnesota roads compared to 73 in 2019. The 112 unbelted motorist deaths in 2020 were also the highest since 2012 (116). Most Minnesotans are making the life-saving decision to buckle up. According to the 2019 Minnesota Observational Seat Belt Survey, 93.4 percent of front seat occupants are wearing their seat belts. The rest are gambling with their lives and the lives of others in the vehicle by riding unbelted. Why buckle up, click [here](#).



## Protective Order Violation—

Last Saturday, a patrol officer investigated a complaint from a victim about harassment restraining order violations. The victim alleged the male suspect sent a card and flowers to the victim through a child shared in common. The suspect is a respondent in an Order for Protection that stipulated he cannot have any direct or indirect contact with the victim. The suspect was later located and arrested by Wabasha County and transported back to Owatonna. Matthew Novak, age 39 of Owatonna, has been charged with Violating an Order for Protection—a gross misdemeanor.



Matthew Novak

## Cops in the Community—

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, patrol officers Anna Martin and Jeremy Katz spent the early evening at Roosevelt Community School for an outreach event. During the event, Anna and Jeremy met with kids, showing them their squad cars and handing out junior police officer stickers. If you have a community event and would like a police officer to stop by, please contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200.

## Motor Vehicle Theft Update—



Dylan Jackson

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we reported in *Just the Facts* on a stolen vehicle taken from the Holiday gas station. The vehicle was spotted by the Minnesota State Patrol in Rice County and pursued to Bloomington where it crashed. The driver of the stolen vehicle was identified as Dylan Jackson, age 28 of Minneapolis. Video surveillance of the Holiday store revealed Jackson walking to the Holiday store from Burger King. The video shows Jackson exit the Holiday store shortly after walking in. The video then shows the stolen vehicle leaving the parking lot. In the stolen vehicle, Greyhound bus tickets were located in the vehicle. Burger King is a bus stop for Greyhound. Jackson has been charged with Motor Vehicle Theft—a felony.

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