



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

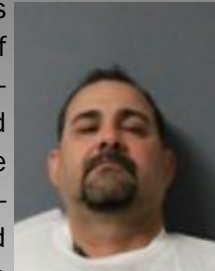
Just the Facts

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DWI Arrest—

On July 11th, patrol officers received a call from a witness reporting a driving complaint—information was received of a male at the Kwik Trip store on Hoffman Drive with difficulty walking and had left his vehicle in gear and it rolled backward through the parking lot. The vehicle left the parking lot before an officer’s arrival, but it was soon spotted. As an officer initiated a traffic stop, the vehicle sped up to approximately 52 miles per hour in a 30 zone. The officer stopped the vehicle and observed the driver showing signs of intoxication. During roadside field sobriety tests, the driver admitted to being too intoxicated to complete the tests. The driver was arrested and later provided a breath sample that indicated a .18 breath alcohol content (BAC) or twice the legal limit. Armando Rivera, age 49 of Owatonna, has been charged with two 3rd Degree DWI related offenses-both gross misdemeanors.



Armando Rivera

Cops in the Community—

Daycare businesses are popular outreach stops for our officers. On Thursday morn-

ing, Officer Joel Hunt and Community Service Officer Julia Hansen stopped by a home daycare for the kids to see their squad cars, our aerial drone, how to dust for finger prints and to hand out *Junior Officer* stickers. Do your daycare kids want to be *Junior Officers*? If so, you can contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200



Just a Little Bit—

On Tuesday around noon, our officers went to the scene of a fender bender in the Walmart parking lot. When they arrived, they found a female driver showing signs of intoxication and admitting to drinking, *a little bit*. Field sobriety testing and a later breath test showed she may have had more than a little bit with a breath alcohol content of .34—over 4 times the legal limit to drive. The female was arrested and brought to a detox facility in Rochester. Formal charges are pending for the 36-year old driver from Bloomington.

Night to Unite—

After a COVID break in 2020, Night to Unite is back! Join neighbors across Owatonna on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 for the Annual Minnesota Night



Officer Ben Metcalf and a youngster from the last NTU

to Unite celebration, formerly recognized as National Night Out. You are invited to be a part of this community and nationwide event to celebrate “America’s Night to Unite Against Crime.” Night to Unite is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For more information and/or registration, please contact Pamela Roberts at (507) 774-7200 or Wendy Gasner at 507-774-7204 or through our website at <http://ci.owatonna.mn.us/170/Police>.

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