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Just the Facts

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Dartt's Park Shooting—

On Sunday, July 18, 2021 at approximately 5:30 PM, the Owatonna Police Department responded to Dartt's Park, for the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers did not locate any victims or suspects. Many witnesses to the shooting reported hearing two gun shots come from the east end of the park and observed two vehicles rapidly leaving the area. Owatonna detectives have identified both vehicles alleged to be involved and continue to work toward identifying the alleged shooters. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to call the Owatonna Police Department Detective Bureau at 507-774-7207.



Fugitive Apprehension—

On Tuesday afternoon, the Owatonna Police Department was contacted by a detective with the Sutter County Sheriff's Office in California to assist with a fugitive apprehension.



Karanjot Singh

The deputy provided information a fugitive wanted in connection with an attempted murder was working in Owatonna at the Costco facility. Owatonna patrol officers located the wanted individual and placed him under arrest without incident. Karanjot Singh, age 21 of Fontana California, was arrested and remains in custody in Steele County pending extradition back to California.

The First 50 Days Prove Deadly—

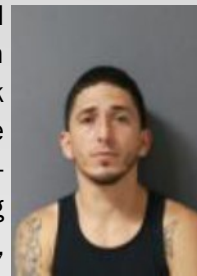
During the first 50 of the 100 most-traveled days of the year (Memorial Day-Labor Day), preliminary reports show 76 people have died on Minnesota roads. The 76 traffic fatalities during the first 50-days are the most since at least 2017. Of the 76 fatalities, preliminary reports show that 21 fatalities were speed related. The initial summer travel fatality figures demonstrate an ongoing traffic safety crisis as preliminary statistics from the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety

show 229 fatalities in Minnesota Roads in 2021—a 36 percent increase over last year! We ALL need to do our part—it's time for us all to take responsibility for our actions. It's time all us drive smart, slow down and help everyone get home safely.



Domestic Violence Arrest—

On Monday night, patrol officers were called to an address in the 500 block of N. Cedar Ave. for the report of a domestic disturbance. The arriving officers found an upset, crying female victim. The victim reported a dispute led to a physical confrontation where she was pushed onto a bed and the male suspect got on top of her and strangled her—she felt dizzy and was afraid she was going to be killed. The female escaped and ran outside, followed by the suspect, who grabbed and pulled her by the hair. A witness reported hearing the suspect threaten to kill the victim. The suspect was located on scene and arrested. Joe Casado, age 33 of Owatonna, has been charged with Domestic Abuse by Strangulation—a felony and two misdemeanor counts of Domestic Assault.



Joe Casado

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