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# Just the Facts

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## OPD Answers the Call for Help—

Air Force 1 and an OPD squad—two modes of transportation we wouldn't think of seeing together, but 2020 has been a strange year, so anything is possible. This past week, the President of The United States made a visit to Bemidji, and as would have happened with any smaller police agency, the Bemidji Police Department needed mutual law enforcement assistance to staff a large security detail for the President. The Minnesota Chief of Police Association sent a state-wide request for assistance and the OPD stepped up by sending two squads and Officers Joel Hunt, Travis Johnson, Nathan Heeren and Josh Lee to assist. The Owatonna officers were assigned to the perimeter to keep traffic from stopping within the exclusion zone.



## Vehicle Pursuit and Drug Charges—

Early morning on September 15<sup>th</sup>, an Owatonna officer attempted to stop a vehicle for loud exhaust—the officer was in the Little Caesar's parking lot and could hear the vehicle from blocks away. As the officer initiated the stop, the vehicle sped away at a high rate of speed. The pursuit led to Hwy 14 to 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Crane Creek Rd.



Marcos Trevino

where the vehicle attempted the turn too fast and slid into the ditch, effectively ending the pursuit. The driver was taken into custody without incident. During a search of the vehicle, officers located 15 grams of presumptive methamphetamine. During a later interview, the suspect admitted that he was high and had been using meth for the last month. Marcos Trevino, age 28 of Owatonna, has been charged with Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Possession of Narcotic and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI.

## School Bus Close Call—

You may recall in the September 4<sup>th</sup> edition of *Just the Facts* we reminded motorists of schools coming into session and to be on the watch out for school buses and children. With stop arm violations piling up, including this snap-shot of a driver passing a bus on the right just as the driver is opening his door for student to exit the bus, we send this as a reminder about the requirements of drivers.

- Drivers are required to stop at least 20-feet from a school bus displaying flashing red lights and stop arm.
- The vehicle driver shall not allow the vehicle to move until the school bus stop-arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.
- No person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle in the right-hand, passenger's side of the bus when the school bus is displaying the pre-warning flashing amber signals.
- Drivers operating on a separated roadway (divided by a safety isle or safety zone) are not required to stop their vehicle when approaching or meeting a school bus that is on a different roadway. Penalties for violators can either be a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor.



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