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Crime Alert-Public Property Damage

The Owatonna Police Department is requesting citizens to be alert in observing and reporting suspicious behavior in our parks during the evening/nighttime hours.

Since February 24, 2011, there have been four separate instances where the restrooms/chalet has been damaged at Morehouse Park.

There is little to no suspect information at this time.

What you can do:

- Please be alert to suspicious activity and don't hesitate to call 911 to report it. This includes juveniles loitering about in the parks or out after curfew.
- Record descriptions of suspicious people and/or vehicle(s) and obtain license plate numbers when possible.

Every year, vandalism and graffiti to our public park property costs the residents of Owatonna several thousands of dollars. To combat this problem, the Owatonna Police Department is offering the Owatonna Project Reward Quick \$50. This program rewards citizens (\$50) for providing legitimate and substantiated information about individual(s) responsible for vandalism, graffiti and other related crimes. The program may also provide larger rewards (up to \$500) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those arrested for damage to public property.

These cases are under investigation by the Owatonna Police Department. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is encouraged to contact the Owatonna Police Department-Sergeant Joel Welinski @ 507-774-7213.

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