

NEWS RELEASE

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For Release Immediately

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Stabbing Incident/Arrest and Charges Filed

On Thursday, March 5, 2009, the Owatonna Police Department arrested James Paul Markowitz, age 21, in connection with an early afternoon stabbing that occurred on Monday, March 3, 2009 at 153 22nd. St. N.W. in the City of Owatonna. Markowitz was arrested after his release from the hospital where he was being treated for injuries that occurred during this assault.

Markowitz has been charged by the Steele County Attorney's Office with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 1st Degree.

Though an arrest has been made in this case and charges filed against Markowitz, this investigation is on-going.

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