

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE**

**Owatonna Police Department  
204 East Pearl Street  
Owatonna, MN 55060**



## **For Release Immediately**

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CHIEF OF POLICE**

## **For Further Information Contact**

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## **Crime Alert-Property Damage Spree**

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

During the past two days, eight separate incidents of vehicles being damaged have been reported to the Owatonna Police Department. Damage to the vehicles has consisted of windshields and windows being smashed out. These vehicles have been parked on the street as well as on private property.

There is little to no suspect information at this time.

What can you do:

- Please be alert to suspicious activity and don't hesitate to call 911 to report it. This includes strangers walking or loitering about your neighborhoods, apparent juveniles out after curfew, vehicles you don't recognize circling your neighborhood, or sounds such as glass breaking or loud banging.
- Record descriptions of suspicious people and/or vehicle(s) and obtain license plate numbers when possible.
- Don't leave valuables unsecured and within the vehicle.
- Consider parking your vehicle in well lit locations.

These incidents are under investigation by the Owatonna Police Department. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is requested to please contact the Owatonna Police Department-Captain Eric G. Rethemeier @ 507-774-7211.

