

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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



## **For Release Immediately**

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

**Shaun E. LaDue  
CHIEF OF POLICE**

## **For Further Information Contact**

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## **Residential Burglary-Suspect Apprehended**

During the past several weeks, residential burglaries have been occurring in the northeast section of the City of Owatonna, resulting in considerable property damage and loss. On Monday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 20, 2009, a series of six additional residential burglaries took place at unoccupied homes during the early evening to late evening hours.

On Tuesday, January 20th, a concerned citizen, remembering a previous crime alert sent by this agency regarding residential burglaries, contacted the Owatonna Police Department regarding a suspicious person and activity he had observed.

Owatonna officers immediately responded to the area and investigated the suspicious person complaint and subsequently arrested a male party believed to be responsible for the recent rash of residential burglaries.

The male subject is being held at the Steele County Detention Center pending formal charges by the Steele County Attorney's Office.

The Owatonna Police Department continues to investigate crimes and specifically burglaries not related to these cases. Anyone with any information associated to criminal activity is encouraged to contact the Owatonna Police Department at 507-451-8232 or Investigation Commander Eric Rethemeier-507-774-7203.

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