

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE**

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## **For Release Immediately**

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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 night time hours.

Between October 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 fifteen (15) separate incidents of tires being slashed have been reported to the Owatonna Police Department. These incidents are occurring in the area of the 1600-2200 blocks N. Cedar Avenue and the side streets to the east and west. The damaged vehicles have been parked on the street and private driveways.

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 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 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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