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ident stopped by the Law Enforcement Center to report a possible scam. The potential victim reported he received a phone call from a purported officer with the Owatonna Police Department demanding his social security number and money in lieu of arrest—the caller appeared to be calling from a number that is the non-emergency line for the Owatonna Police Department. This is definitely a scam—rest assured, no officer from our department, or from any other law enforcement agency will call you to demand money in lieu of an arrest. Your best defense in these types of calls is to just hang-up. Don't be fooled by an incoming telephone that looks legitimate—technology exists in the world of scammers that allows information sent to your caller ID to [spoo](#) or disguise their identify.

Just the Facts

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High Alcohol Content DWI Arrest—

Last Friday afternoon, an Owatonna patrol sergeant was on patrol and stopped at the intersection Havana Rd. and Truman Ave—this intersection is controlled by a four-way stop sign. After stopping, the sergeant began pulling into the intersection but had to stop suddenly for another vehicle that pulled into the intersection. The sergeant noted the driver of this vehicle was driving with her head down. The sergeant moved to stop the vehicle and had to use its siren for short bursts to gather the driver's attention to pull over. When speaking with the driver, the sergeant noticed signs of confusion and intoxication. Subsequent road-side field sobriety tests confirmed his observation and the driver was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving. Later DWI testing revealed the driver had a breath alcohol content of .30 or more than 3 ½ times the legal limit to drive! The driver, Nicole Dahl, age 45 of Owatonna as been charged with to counts of 2nd Degree DWI—both gross misdemeanors.



Nicole Dahl

Scam Alert—

On Tuesday afternoon, an Owatonna res-

A Shoplifter and Much More—

On Monday morning, our officers were called to Walmart regarding a shoplifter—a pretty common call for our patrol officers. Walmart loss prevention was updating an officer on the phone of an in-progress shoplifter leaving past the point of sale with items that had not been paid for. An officer spotted the suspect, stopped and arrested him. Back inside the store, it was determined the suspect tried leaving the store with over \$1000 in unpaid merchandise. Incident to the arrest, a search of the suspect also uncovered a pipe with presumptive methamphetamine residue. As the arresting officer was leaving the jail, another report came in alleging the jailed shoplifting suspect had borrowed a car the day before and elected to not return it—the owner was now reporting it stolen. At the time of the shoplifting arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of the stolen vehicle keys—the stolen vehicle was recovered in the Walmart parking lot. Kenyetta Elwoods, age 53 of Waseca, has been charged with two counts of Theft (the stolen vehicle & shoplifting)—both felonies and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—a gross misdemeanor. Ironically, Elwoods graced the July 10, 2020 edition of *Just the Facts* for stealing a car that was also recovered at Walmart.



Kenyetta Elwoods

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