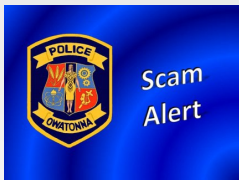




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are reported, but often, we are unable to catch a suspect and an unsuspecting victim is out a large amount of money as is the case in the following incident. A victim reported being an online seller of clothing items. The victim had been contacted by a potential buyer who alleged to have sent a check for payment, but it would be delayed due to it being sent to a wrong address. The check also contained co-mingled funds, part of which were intended for the buyer's daughter. The victim received a cashier's check for \$950 for the clothing item and was asked to deposit the check, take her portion, plus \$20 and send left over funds to the buyer's daughter via an electronic payment application, Zelle. The victim did so, only to later learn the \$950 dollar check was counterfeit and she had been scammed. We recommend that if something seems suspicious and before sending unsolicited funds, contact your local police department to discuss whether you're being scammed.

Just the Facts

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Arrestee Talked Down From a Roof—

On October 13th, our officers were called regarding an Order for Protection violation. A female victim was reporting a male suspect had just been served with an Order for Protection and promptly violated it. The victim showed an officer a screen shot of a 59 second phone call placed to her daughter by the suspect—a violation of the order. The investigating officer confirmed the order had been properly served and a violation took place. Officers went to an apartment on State Ave. to locate the suspect—at the location, a witness reported seeing the suspect enter a unit. Inside the unit, officers saw the suspect crawl out a window onto a rooftop. The officers negotiated with the suspect over the course of the next 45-minutes to come down from the roof. The suspect eventually complied and was placed under arrest. Trayantay Jones, age 27 of Owatonna, has been charged with Violating a Domestic Abuse Order for Protection—a felony.



Trayantay Jones

Scam Victim—

Residential Burglar Arrested—

On Thursday evening, patrol officers were called to an apartment in downtown Owatonna for an assault. Officers learned a husband, wife and child were in the home when the suspect entered uninvited into the unlocked apartment. The suspect exchanged some small talk with the victims. The suspect tried hugging the male, touched his chin and then punched him in the face with a closed fist. Arriving officers found the suspect in the stairwell and showing signs of intoxication. The suspect was uncooperative, showing signs and making comments of wanting to fight with our officers. Our officers tried to de-escalate the suspect; however, as he was being taken into custody, he pulled away from our officers and a Taser was used. Christopher Prince, age 35 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of 1st Degree Burglary and 5th Degree Assault—all felonies.



Christopher Prince

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