



The Point After

“Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun”

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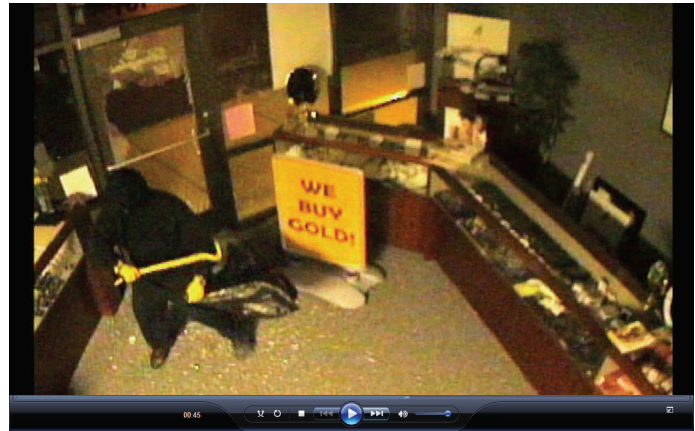
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Burglary Investigation Continues

Officers responded to a burglar alarm on Saturday, April 14th at Douglas Diamonds. **Officers Maggie Averhoff and Josh Alexander** discovered the glass door had been smashed out. Inside, several display cases had been broken into and merchandise taken. **Officer Cadie Spicer** also assisted in collecting evidence. **Detective Brandon Gliem** was called to assist the officers. Video surveillance obtained at the store showed three persons involved with the break-in. Of note in the video were the yellow farm gloves that all three burglars were wearing, and the yellow crow bar used by one suspect to smash out the door. Store



owners estimated the loss at about \$10,000. Det. Gliem has interviewed several people in connection with the break-in, and continues to follow up on

leads. Since then, jewelry stores in Apple Valley and Farmington have also been hit under similar circumstances.

Promotions, Transfers and Good Work

After several weeks of testing and interviews for different positions within the department, we are pleased to announce the following changes.

Officer Mark Krenik, a 12-year member of the department, will be promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Unit effective Tuesday, April 24th. He will be sworn in that evening at the city council meeting.

Officer Matt Long will be assigned to the Investigations Unit in May, and **Detective Lisa Petricka** will return to the Patrol Unit.

Officer Cadie Spicer will be assigned to the Investigations

Unit in September, and **Detective Tony Kuchinka** will return to the Patrol Unit.

Officer Josh Alexander will be assigned to the Investigations Unit as the School Resource Officer at Faribault Senior High School in August, and will be replacing **Detective Rod Lehmann**, who is planning to retire after 27 years of service.

Officer Bryan Johnson will be assigned to the Investigations Unit later this year after new officers are hired and trained in. He will be filling an open vacancy in the unit.

This has been a very exciting time and we look forward to all

of the officers continuing to excel in their new roles.

On Tuesday, April 17th, a guilty plea was entered by Bryan Groehler to 2nd Degree Assault. Groehler was the main actor and last of three defendants charged in connection with a robbery / drive-by shooting on Thanksgiving night 2011. According to the plea agreement, he will be sentenced to 45 months in prison.

This was terrific work done by **Officers Scott Duncan, Maggie Averhoff, Josh Alexander, Ben Johns and Detective Lisa Petricka** working with officers from the Rice County Sheriff's Office and Northfield Police Department.

Reserves and Explorers Assist With Events

Reserve Officers and Explorers kicked off their busy season on Saturday, April 14th assisting with the 2nd Annual Cardinal Cruise. The Reserves and Explorers provide a great service by assisting the department when called on for traffic control and security at different community events. Reserve officers helping included **Carol Kaune, Doug Delesha, Bruce Bowman, Jenny Tonjum, Fernando Sanchez, Tod Vaudrin, Mike Stowe,**

Kristina Purfeerst, Mike Engen, and Josh Gordon. Explorers helping included **Matt Shuda, Jess DeCoux, Mac Malecha, Beau Reuvers, Michael Shuda, Leo Lara, Logan Vaudrin, Nick Minor, Gus Perez and Grace Cannon.**

Captain Neal Pederson gave a presentation at the Faribault Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, April 17th on business security.

Chief Don Gudmundson spoke at Hamline University on Friday, April 13th. He also spoke on KDHL radio.

Detective Lisa Petricka gave a NetSmartz presentation at Faribault High School on Wednesday, April 18th.

Community Service Officers Doug Delesha and DJ Skluzacek were the department's representatives at the Shattuck-St. Mary's Health Fair on Tuesday, April 14th. They met with about 300 students and provided information on topics from DWI to personal safety.



“Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there”.

Will Rogers

On Sunday, April 15th, **Officer Matt Long** took a report of stolen prescription medications. The victim stated she had let two women in to her apartment to use the bathroom, and she discovered the medications missing after they left. A few hours after taking the report, one of the suspects came to the police department requesting assistance. Based on her condition and appearance, Officer Long took her to the hospital for evaluation. The suspect, Shelley Phipps, 30, admitted to Officer Long that she had stolen oxycodone and codeine pills from the apart-

ment and had taken several of the oxycodone pills. After being cleared by the hospital, she was taken to detox. She is currently in MCF-Shakopee prison serving 130 days on a previous case.

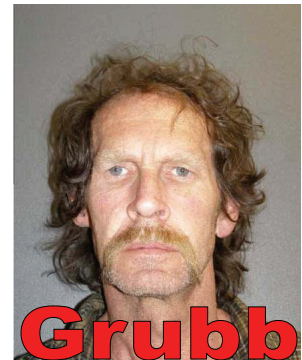


Our thoughts go out to the family of **Officer Jeff Kosanda** on the loss of his father-in-law, Donald Morgan, who died on Tuesday, April 17th.

One More Arrest and He Gets A Free Toaster...

On Tuesday, April 17th, **Officers Eric Sammon and Erik Prink** arrested Daniel Grubb, 51, for violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO). Since the beginning of the year, Grubb was also reported in violation of the DANCO on Thursday, April 12th, Monday, March 26th and Thursday, March 22nd. He was arrested on Thursday, March 15th for Domestic Assault. Grubb was also arrested on Monday, February 27th by **Of-**

icer Josh Alexander after the officer discovered him in possession of methamphetamine and a large amount of tools that he recently stole from Weinberger Well Drilling.



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