



# The Point After

## “Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun”

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## Swing and A Miss

On Wednesday, December 5th, officers responded to a call for assistance from **Deputies Blaine Smith and Scott Robinson**. They observed a vehicle drive very fast and carelessly through a parking lot of a local business and the driver get out of his car. Suspecting something was amiss, they returned to investigate. They saw the driver, Lance Olson, 40, wielding a baseball bat and confronting another male. As they approached, Olson swung hard at the other man, nearly hitting



him. The deputies intervened and detained the men. **Officers Lisa Petricka and Kara Christensen** and **Detectives Cadie Spicer and Brandon Gliem** arrived. They learned that Olson, upset about marital issues, had sent threatening text messages to the other man before confronting him. Olson was arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Assault, Terroristic Threats and Careless Driving. His bail was set at \$15,000 without conditions.

## A Busy Start To the Week

On Monday, December 3rd, Harry Brown's reported damage to 50 new vehicles in their lot. They reported to **Officer Lisa Petricka** that the vehicles had tires slashed and multiple scratches across the body. Damage was estimated to be in excess of \$100,000. Harry Brown's is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the damage. **Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 507-334-4305 or CrimeStoppers at 800-222-8477.**

On Sunday, December 2nd, **Reserve Officers Fernando Sanchez and Mike Stowe** were checking on a vehicle parked outside of a business after hours. They noted that the occupants ducked down in the car to avoid being seen by the officers. While talking to

the occupants, the officers could smell burnt marijuana coming from inside the car and called for assistance. **Officers Todd Hanson, Ben Johns and Jordan Juenger** and **Sergeant Russ Hartwig** responded to investigate. They ID'ed and questioned the three male occupants, ages 19, 17 and 15. Victor Mendoza, 19, was cited for Possession of Small Amount of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The 17-year-old male was cited for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and released to his father. The 15-year-old male was released to his parents.

On Monday, December 3rd, **Detective Josh Alexander** worked with Child Protection to investigate a report from a mandated reporter. They interviewed the 9-year-old child, who told them that his mother's boyfriend had "whooped" him

with a belt that morning before school. He also reported that the suspect picked him up by the front of the neck and threw him down. The suspect, Gregory Spraggins, 24, was arrested and charged with Malicious Punishment of a Child and Domestic Assault. Already out on bail for Criminal Sexual Conduct, his bail was set at \$12,000 without conditions.



## Monthly Activity

### November CSO Activity:

(October activity in parenthesis)

Animal complaints - 31 (29)  
Follow-up (animal) - 92 (103)  
Animals Impounded - 10 (11)

Ordinance Violations - 44 (45)  
Follow-up (ordinance) - 47 (55)  
Violation Notices - 14 (10)  
Citations Issued - 4 (6)

Parking Tickets Issued - 15 (13)

Park Patrol Checks - 33 (59)

Assist Officers - 11 (19)

Funeral Escorts - 10 (12)

### November Patrol Activity:

(October activity in parenthesis)

Calls For Service: 1404 (1487)  
46.8 calls / day

Reports Written: 1064 (1137)

Traffic Stops: 220 (213)

Citations Issued: 106 (116)

Traffic Crashes: 44 (40)  
- Property Damage: 42  
- Personal Injury: 2

DWI Arrests: 7 (5)

Congratulations to **Officer DJ Skluzacek**, who was married to **Becky Petricka** last weekend. Our best wishes to the newly-weds!

**“No man is above the law and no man is below it, nor do we ask any man’s permission when we require him to obey it. Obedience to the law is demanded as a right, not asked as a favor.”**

*Theodore Roosevelt*

## Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Wracking your brain trying to find something for that hard-to-buy for person? Give the gift of a safe ride home. Designated Driver Gift Cards are now available at the police department. Help save a friend or loved one the cost and hassle of a DWI arrest. When you give



the gift of a sober ride home, you are also playing “Secret Santa” for every other motorist on the roads, saving them from a potentially life-altering crash. Extra DWI patrols will be on the streets throughout December for those Grinches out to ruin someone’s holidays.

**Questions?**

**Comments?**

**Please contact the**

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On Wednesday, **Chief Andy Bohlen**, **Sergeant Matt Knutson**, and **Detectives Matt Long** and **Josh Alexander** joined more than 2,000 law enforcement officers from across the U.S. and Canada helping escort Cold Spring-Richmond Police Officer Thomas Decker’s body to his final resting place after being gunned down last week outside a bar in downtown Cold Spring. He leaves behind a wife and four small children. The Faribault Police Department asks that you keep Officer Decker’s family in your thoughts and prayers.

Contributions to the [Tom Decker Memorial Fund](#) may be made at:

- State Bank of Cold Spring,

P.O. Box 415, Cold Spring, MN 56320;

- 1st National Bank of Cold Spring, P.O. Box 416 Cold Spring, MN 56320;

- Central Minnesota Credit Union, 202 Red River Ave. S., Cold Spring, MN 56320; and

- Wells Fargo, all locations.

