



THE OWATONNA POLICE
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The Owatonna Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community through partnerships, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Policing excellence through our People, our Work, and our Relationships

Just the Facts

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Criminal Sexual Assault—

On Sunday evening, an Owatonna patrol officer began investigating a complaint of a sexual assault involving a child. An adult caretaker and the victim reported that the victim had stayed with an adult family member and her husband—the suspect in this case. Following the stay, the victim began receiving text messages from the suspect that were inappropriate between an adult and child. On February 13th, the child and suspect went to Cabela’s together. After leaving the store, the victim and suspect were in a vehicle together. In the vehicle, the suspect allegedly placed his hands on the victim’s genitals and tried to kiss her. The victim told the suspect to stop and he did. The suspect later sent another text message to say sorry and that it wouldn’t happen again. Early Monday morning, the suspect was located by the Austin Police Department and arrested. In an

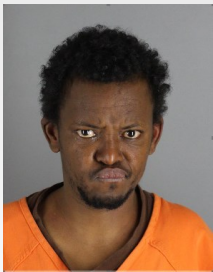


Phillip Martinez

interview, the suspect admitted to touching the victim and trying to kiss her. He knew the child’s age and made a mistake trying to kiss her. Phillip Martinez, age 39 of Austin, has been charged with 4th Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct.

Stolen Vehicle—

On Sunday evening, our patrol staff was called to the Kwik Trip store on 46th St. NW for the report of an



Mustafe Hirsi

impaired male driving a stolen vehicle. A reporting person conveyed that he observed a Honda Pilot pull into the lot dragging a front bumper and the driver appeared to be smoking a marijuana joint—the vehicle matched the description of a suspect hit and run vehicle in Faribault and reported stolen in Minneapolis. The driver was located and found to have an outstanding warrant—he was placed under arrest. During a search of the vehicle, a pipe and presumptive methamphetamine was in the vehicle. The driver displayed signs of impairment but refused to perform roadside field sobriety testing. Subsequently, a search warrant was issued to obtain a blood sample to determine the method of suspected impairment. Mustafe Hirsi, age 30 of St. Paul, has been charged with Motor Vehicle Theft, DWI-Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving after Revocation.

Cops in the Community—

On Thursday, from 09:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Owatonna police officers, volunteer reserve officer’s and police explorer’s partnered with staff and volunteers from Community Pathways for the 4th Truck to Trunk event. The eight volunteering officers managed the traffic and loaded boxes of food that served 1,200 families! This was a drive-up event that took place at the Steele County Fairgrounds. It is important for us to give back to the community we care about. Sometimes serving and protecting includes helping deliver nutritious food to eat. Thank you to Community Pathways for allowing us to be a part of this great community program.



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