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Officers: Todd Soderholm, Sean McKnight, Jon Holle, Brian Bone, Valerie Holes, Tommie Booth, Mike Thelen, Kurt Schultz, Tara Becker, Joel Horazuk, Brian Plantz, Michael Tietz, Shane Klokonos, Nic Wolf, Marcus Smith, Zach Broughten, Dan Schyma, Justin Drogseth, Jeff Weber, Peter Meuwissen, Gregory Neumann, David Engel, Krista Erickson, Joel Pogatchnik, Cody Yard, Chris Curtis, James Gibbs, Cory Christianson, Kasey DeJonker, Tony Parker, Wil Hooper, David Fry, Nicole Wilson, Brian Booth, Kailie Hinkle, Sean Marben, Colleen Strohmayer, April Ehmke, Dylan Ordorff, Jordan Mack, Miranda Demo

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Property Clerk: Denis Schweitzer

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Child Abuse - Last week Detective Gibbs was contacted by Dakota County Child Protection regarding a 2 ½ month old baby currently in the hospital. It was reported that the baby had multiple fractures. Detective Gibbs and the child protection worker visited the baby in the hospital and spoke to the medical staff caring for the baby. After the baby had been fully examined and imaging had occurred, it was determined that the baby had approximately 30 bone fractures. It was also determined that the fractures were not accidental or caused by a medical issue. Detective Gibbs was able to determine a suspect responsible for the abuse and that person was arrested for abusing the baby. The baby is home and expected to make a full recovery.

Crisis Call - Officers T. Booth and Demo responded to a home on August 15 to speak with a resident who was having suicidal thoughts. Officers arrived at the home and spoke to the suicidal woman. She told officers that she was feeling suicidal, but did not feel she needed to go to the hospital. She also told the officers that she wanted to have her children picked up and brought over to their father's home. She said her plan was to cut her wrists as soon as the children were gone. She told officers she has no reason to live because her children hate her. Eventually, the children went with their uncle and the suicidal mom was transported to the hospital for an evaluation.

Harassment - On the morning of August 16, Officer Schyma called a woman about harassment she had been receiving from her neighbor. The woman reported that her neighbor came to her home the previous night and knocked on the door. She opened the door and her neighbor said she wanted to let her know that she feels she dresses inappropriately when she is outside in her yard. The woman told Officer Schyma she frequently wears gym clothes when she is outside. She told Officer Schyma she did not want him to speak to her neighbor. She said she only wanted the incident documented in case there are further issues.

To Flee or not to Flee - Shortly before noon on August 17, Officer Thelen attempted to stop a car for a stop sign violation, but the driver of the car made several evasive turns into a neighborhood in an effort to avoid Officer Thelen. Eventually the driver pulled his car over and stopped. As Officer Thelen interacted with the driver, he admitted that he did not stop because he had marijuana in the vehicle and was "scared." He said he would have pulled over right away, but he didn't know what to do because he had so much adrenaline. The driver said he was on his way home, but later said he was on his way to the gym. The driver continually asked Officer Thelen for "mercy" and begged to be released. Officers searched the vehicle and found a bong and marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver was taken to the Dakota County Jail for various charges.



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OUR MISSION

To protect our community and improve quality of life through service, education, and enforcement.

OUR VALUES

Service – *We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, compassionate and responsive.*

Integrity – *We value courage, candor, honesty and ethical behavior by all members of our department.*

Responsibility and Accountability – *We value the effective use of resources.*

Professionalism – *We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.*

Pride and Satisfaction – *We value our work in making our community safe. We believe our work is a calling that helps society and is a source of reward and satisfaction.*

Father/Daughter Dispute - On August 19, Officers Schultz and Plantz arrived at a home to mediate a dispute between a father and daughter. The father had called 911 saying his daughter was out of control, had mental health issues, and had physically assaulted him. The father advised officers that he was tired of his daughter not having a job or moving out of the house. He said he had bought her a car, a computer, paid for her school, and lives rent free, but cannot understand why she will not move out. The daughter denied the dispute was physical. There were no visible injuries or other indications that would support the father's claim that the dispute was physical. The daughter was comfortable staying at the home with her father and mother. The father was advised to stop buying her stuff and make her move out.

Traffic Accident - On August 19 around 3:00 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Co. Rd. 42 and Cedar Avenue. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in the accident. Our officers did a great job caring for the drivers and making sure other drivers going past the scene were able to pass through the intersection safely. Thank you to personnel from AVFD and Allina paramedics that assisted at the accident as well.



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