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Promotions and Special Assignments

2015 is off to a busy start with two new officers in field training, two promotions, and an officer placed on special assignment.

The Worthington Police Department has hired two new officers, Andrew Bromberg and Austin Christensen. These officers have started the 12-week field training program and upon successful completion of this program will be assigned to the patrol division.

Officer Josh McCuen has tested for and been promoted to the position of Sergeant. Sergeant McCuen currently supervises the night shift.

Officer Tyler Olson has tested for and has been promoted to the position of general Detective. Detective Olson has already started his new position.



Finally, Officer Joe Joswiak has received the special assignment of drug investigator and joins the members of the Buffalo Ridge Task Force.

We wish all of these new officers the best in their new positions!

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Notable Calls

This notable call started off with a simple request to check on the welfare of an elderly woman at a local store.

The woman had gone into the store and was trying to find her grandson.

A store employee felt something was not right, because the grandson did not work at the store and nobody knew of him. The employee called the police to perform a welfare check on the elderly women.

Officers from the Worthington Police Department, including Officer Brandon Peil, responded to the store to check on the woman.

While Officer Peil was talking to the woman, he also had a feeling that something was not right.

Officer Peil ran a NCIC check on the women and found out that the woman, Marlene Mess, was a missing person from Eagan, Minnesota.

Ness, who suffers from significant memory issues, had left her home the day before and had not been seen since.

After Ness' family was contacted with the good news that she had been found, they drove to Worthington to pick her up and take her home.



Link to the news articles:

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2014/11/19/eagan-police-look-for-help-finding-missing-woman/>

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3625124.shtml>

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Law Review: Firearm Silencers

Minnesota State Statute 609.66 Dangerous Weapons covers the use and possession of firearm silencers.

Basically, the use and possession of firearm silencers are illegal in Minnesota and a violation of this statute is a felony. There are some exceptions to this state statute that allow the use of silencers by licensed peace officers for tactical emergency response operations, for wildlife control operations that are authorized by the commissioner of natural resources, or by a firearms importer, manufacturer, or dealer.

Scam Alert: US Treasury Lawsuit Scam

The scam alert this month comes from Jeff, who is a site liaison for a local apartment complex.

Jeff reported that one of his residents received a voicemail message from someone claiming to be with the United States Treasury and who wanted to settle a lawsuit that was filed against them.

The caller, who had an Indian accent left a number to call back that came back to a telephone number in Florida.

Fortunately for the resident, Jeff recognized this as a scam immediately.

Jeff pointed out a couple red flags in this case. First, the caller never used the resident's name and secondly, if this was a legitimate lawsuit this would not be done over the telephone. A legitimate lawsuit would be served by mail, by a process server, or by a deputy sheriff. In this case, the caller used a telephone number from the United States in

order to give their call some credibility.

However, there are telephone services, such as Google Voice, that allow people to pick and choose which telephone numbers show up. There are also "spoof cards" that allow the caller to program which telephone number shows up on the caller identification.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us

You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Headphones while Driving

What are the laws regarding the use of headphones while driving?

Minnesota Statute 169.471 states that "No person, while operating a motor vehicle, shall wear headphones or earphones that are used in both ears simultaneously for the purposes of receiving or listening to broadcasts or reproductions from radios, tape decks, or other sound-producing or transmitting devices.

Simply stated, as long as you only have headphone or earphone inserted or covering one ear, it is lawful.

Like most Minnesota Statutes,

there are some exceptions to the law. Both firefighters and emergency medical services personal are allowed to wear communication headsets in their respective emergency vehicles.

This statute does not prohibit the use of a hearing aid device by a person who needs the device.

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to:

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Criminal of the Month

The Criminal of the Month story for January started out simply enough with a call to a local apartment building for a loud noise complaint.

As the officer arrived at the apartment complex, he started to slowly walk the halls trying to determine where the loud noises were coming from.

As the officer walked by one apartment door, he could hear loud voices coming from the apartment.

The officer paused to listen for a minute and soon heard one of the voices ask if anyone had some marijuana.

The officer knocked on the door, identifying himself as a police officer.

After about a minute of waiting, the renter finally opened the door and an odor of marijuana wafted from the apartment.

Upon entering the apartment and not being able to find any marijuana, the officer warned the occupants for a noise ordinance violation and left.

Within an hour of leaving the apartment, the officer came across one of the occupants of the apartment going to the emergency room.

It turns out the occupant had thrown the marijuana



out the second story window of the apartment when the officer knocked on the door.

After the officer left, the occupant went onto the roof looking for the marijuana and promptly fell off the roof!

Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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