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Officer Profile: Gabe Vander Veen

The newest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Gabe Vander Veen.

Officer Vander Veen was born and raised in Worthington and attended Southwest Christian School in Edgerton.

After high school, Officer Vander Veen attended Alexandria Technical and Community College in Alexandria and received an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

After college, Officer Vander Veen worked as a landscaper before being hired by the Mandan, North Dakota Police Department.

Officer Vander Veen worked as a police officer for 3 ½ months, before being hired by the Worthington Police Department.



When Officer Vander Veen is not working, he enjoys spending time hunting, fishing, and riding motocross bikes.

If you see Officer Vander Veen, please take the time to welcome him back home as he serves the citizens of our community.



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Moving On – Officer Andrew Bromberg

Along with the announcement of Officer Vander Veen joining the police department, Officer Bromberg announced that he will be leaving the police department.

While in college, Officer Bromberg performed an internship with the Tribal Police Department in the Mille Lacs area.

The police department he performed his internship at was so impressed with his performance, they

recently contacted him and offered him a job.

After careful consideration, Officer Bromberg accepted the job and his last day with the Worthington Police Department was July 7, 2016.

We would like to thank Officer Bromberg for his dedication to the Worthington Police Department and wish him the best in his new endeavors.



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Text confidential tips to the
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Worthington Police Department Twitter Account

The Worthington Police Department is now on Twitter! Follow us on Twitter @WorthingtonPD1 where we will post about topics such as found pets, attempt to locates, road closures, and happenings within the department.

If you are not already doing so, you can friend us on Facebook under Worthington Police Department or on our webpage at <http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us/public-safety>.

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Scam Alert: Facebook Friend Request

While social media can be an easy way to share information with family and friends; it is also a haven for scammers.

Scammers are always looking for new and creative ways to keep a step ahead of their potential victims and the latest scam is no different.

Facebook scammers have started making virtual copies of real Facebook accounts by copying photographs and

other information from the account and then sending friend requests out to the friends on the real account.

Once scammers have most or all of the original account holder's friends, there are numerous ways your friends can be scammed.

Some of these methods include sending fake messages claiming they need money for some emergency. The money then needs to be sent by

Western Union.

If you receive another friend request from someone that you are already friends with, you can delete the friend request or verify it was made by your friend.

If the account is fake, you can go to the timeline on the fake Facebook account and report the profile as a fake.



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.

Law Review: Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images

Minnesota recently passed a new law that deals with a practice that has been commonly referred to as revenge porn.

Revenge porn is a term used to describe the release of private sexual images with the intent to embarrass the person involved.

Minnesota State Statute 617.261- Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images now makes it a crime for someone to intentionally disseminate an image of another person who is depicted in a sexual act or whose intimate parts are exposed.

In addition, this statute also makes it illegal to solicit sex on behalf of another person without consent.

The statute also amends the crimes of coercion and criminal defamation allowing for two civil causes of action and provides for damages.

This statute provides for tiered penalties based on additional factors, such as if the victim suffers financial loss, the actor disseminates the image for profit, the actor obtained the image through theft, or if the actor has a previous conviction under Chapter 617.

If there are no aggravating factors, the offense is a gross misdemeanor, which carries penalties of up to a year in jail and up to a \$3,000 fine.

If there are aggravating factors, the penalty is increased to a 3-year felony.

Finally, this law adds violations of this statute to the definition of harassment for the purposes of seeking a civil restraining order, as well as to the list of stalking offenses.



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Humor in Law Enforcement

In the world of law enforcement, excuses for bad driving behavior are a dime a dozen and any police officer who has worked for any amount of time has probably heard them all.

For one Colorado woman, she had one of the strangest excuses ever used.

The woman was driving down a gravel road near Fruita, Colorado one night around 11 p.m. when she saw something

standing in the roadway. That something just happened to be a vampire!

Upon seeing the vampire, the woman put her car in reverse and floored it, crashing into a canal.

The Colorado State Troopers, who investigated the crash, stated they did not believe that drugs or alcohol were a contributing factor to the crash.



The troopers searched the area but were unable to locate the vampire.

The frightened but uninjured woman was released to her husband at the scene.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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