

June 2016

Volume 5, Issue 6

Worthington Police News



Chief

Troy Appel

Captain

Kevin Flynn

Sergeants

Tim Gaul

Nathan Grimmus

Josh McCuen

Brett Wiltrout

Patrol Officers

Andrew Bromberg

Jacki Bomgaars

Chris Hillesheim

Kirk Honius

Randy Liepold

Tyler Olson

Colby Palmersheim

Jacob Refsland

Mark Riley

Dustin Roemeling

Alex Tokar

Jake Walker

Investigators

Brandon Peil

Shawn Elsing

Dave Hoffman

Joe Joswiak

School Resource

Dan Brouillet

Individual Highlights:

Safety Alert	2
Law Review	2
Scam Alert	3
Ask an Officer	3
Humor in LE	4
Mission Statement	4

Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Neighborhood Watch

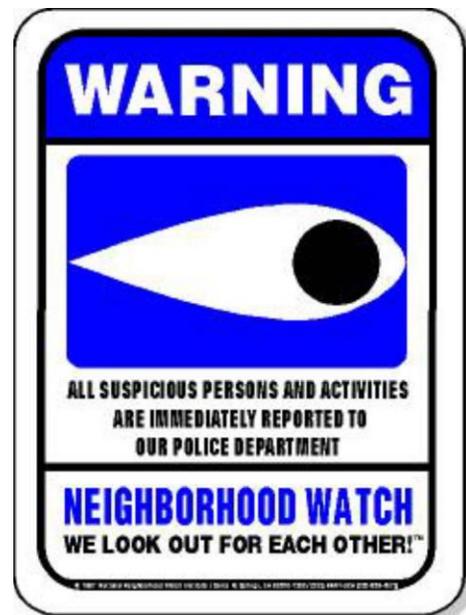
Have you always wanted to take part in keeping your neighborhood safe and secure?

If so, now is your chance! The Worthington Police Department is looking for your help in starting Neighborhood Watch Groups.

We are looking for captains that are willing to start the program in your block and help prevent and report possible crime in your area.

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch group and have questions about the program, please contact Detective Brandon Peil at 507-295-5400 or by email at bpeil@co.nobles.mn.us

A pamphlet was sent out in April's utility



bill that provides more information on the program and the benefits it provides.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

Animal Control
Virgil Veen

Community Service
Myra Onnen

Reception
Barb Hussong

Records
Shari Droll
Julie Jeppesen

TAC/IT
Gary Gerdes

Dispatch Supervisor
Nancy Veen

Dispatch
Tonya Aanenson
Stephanie Culham
Hannah Huls
Jodi Mulder
Larry Rogers

K-9 Officers
Frankee
Mack
Thor

Safety Alert: Nerf Wars

A dangerous new game, known as Nerf Wars, is spreading across Minnesota and has been responsible for several car crashes across the state.

In the game, each student pays money to be part of a team and they compete against each other. If a student is shot with the nerf gun, they are out. The last student or team left wins the money, which can be in the hundreds of dollars.

What makes this game dangerous is when the students start chasing each other in motor vehicles.

Nerf Wars has been

attributed to car crashes in Grand Rapids, New Hope, Blaine, Chaska, and Lakeville.

These crashes included a broadside crash in New Hope, a head-on crash in Grand Rapids and a rollover crash in Lakeville that killed Lakeville South High School students Jacob Flynn and John Price.

Other dangerous behaviors that have been attributed to the game are students breaking into homes without permission and sneaking around neighborhoods with replica weapons, which the police may mistake for real weapons.



The police are asking parents to get involved and speak with your children about the dangers of this game and ask questions if you see these items in their room.

Together we can prevent a potential tragedy from happening.

Credit: Kare11.com

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: Dip Nets and Fishing

Recently the police department has been receiving calls about people using dip nets for fishing along Sherwood Street. Under Minnesota Administrative Rule 6262.0600, dip nets may be used to take rough fish from May 1 through the Sunday before the third Monday in February, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule.

This rule also allows the taking of rough fish by other means, including spear, harpooning, and archery. In Minnesota, rough fish include carp, buffalo, sucker, sheepshead, bowfin, burbot, cisco, gar, goldeye and redhorse. Border water regulations may vary.

Scam Alert: Jury Scam

Minnesota Chief Justice Lorie Gildea has proclaimed May 2 to May 6 as Juror Appreciation Week in Minnesota in appreciation for all Minnesotans who have answered the call to jury service.

Along with her proclamation, Chief Justice Gildea warned of the ever present scams that target jury duty.

The scam usually starts with a telephone call or

an email stating that you missed jury duty and then issues a demand to provide personal information or the payment of a fine.

The callers often use the threat of sending law enforcement officers to arrest someone if they hesitate to provide the information or question the caller.

Chief Justice Gildea wants to remind all Minnesotans that if they are summoned for jury

duty, initial contact will always be made by U.S. Mail in the form of a juror summons from a county district court. Minnesota courts will never contact a person by phone or e-mail and seek payment of fines, Social Security numbers, or any other sensitive information in response to missed jury duty.

Thank you to Nobles County Attorney Kathleen Kusz for this information.



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: Headphone Use & Animal Control

Is it legal to wear headphones while driving?

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

This statute does not prohibit the use of hearing aids or communication headsets used by firefighters or by emergency medical services personal while operating their emergency vehicles.

The short answer is that you can use headphones while driving as long as only one ear is covered with the headphone.



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:

chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us

How can I contact the Animal Control Officer?

You can call 507-295-5400 and a dispatcher can contact the animal control officer for you. If he is not available, another officer may be contacted instead.



Worthington Police

1530 Airport Road
Suite 300
Worthington, MN 56187

PHONE:
(507) 295-5400

FAX:
(507) 372-5977

E-MAIL:
bhussong@co.nobles.mn.us

Animal Control
(507) 360-7044

Community Service Officer
(507) 372-8189

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.ci.worthington.mn.us

Humor in Law Enforcement

While there is nothing funny about armed robbery, sometimes you just have to laugh at how someone got caught.

The suspect in this case, Omar Famuyide, was accused of breaking into a hotel room along with another man and assaulting two women inside. The suspects then threatened them with a crow bar and handgun before shooting at the building as they fled.

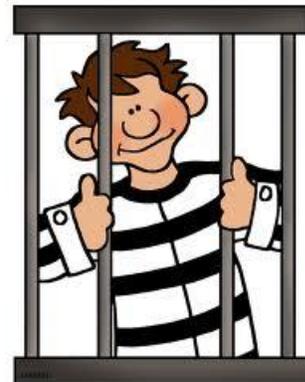
Famuyide struck again a month later when he was accused of walking up to a man, placing a

gun to his head and demanding the keys to his BMW.

Famuyide's reign of terror came to an end when one of his victims was able to recognize him.

The victim was browsing Facebook when Famuyide's face popped up under the "People you may know" feed.

After a foot chase and the execution of a search warrant, Famuyide was arrested and later found guilty of robbery along with other related crimes.



Famuyide received 17 years in prison for his crime.

Source: dailymail.co.uk

Mission Statement

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

**WORTHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1530 AIRPORT ROAD
SUITE 300
WORTHINGTON, MN 56187**