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# Worthington Police News



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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

## Who am I?

Do you know these two ladies?  
Are you one of these two ladies?

If so, the Worthington Police  
Department would like to talk to  
you!!!

Please contact Officer Liepold by  
telephone at 507-295-5400 or by  
email at [rliepold@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:rliepold@co.nobles.mn.us).

You can also leave a tip with Crime  
Stoppers at 888-222-TIPS, at their  
website [www.crimestoppersmn.org](http://www.crimestoppersmn.org)  
or on their app!



## Proposed Amendment – Police Suicide

Minnesota State Representative Pat Garofalo has authored a bill that will require the Crime Control and Safe Streets Act to authorize public safety death benefits for police officers lost to suicide.

This law will recognize officers who commit suicide due to post traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder as line of duty deaths. Katie Slifko, wife of late officer Cory Slifko, has been raising awareness for officer suicides after her husband committed suicide.

The Officer Down Memorial Podcast has an excellent story about Cory's suicide that is well worth a listen.

## Work Anniversaries

Tyler Olson

Patrol Officer

9 years



**Animal Control**  
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## BCA Permit to Carry Report - 2021

Each year the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension issues a report for permit to carry data.

In 2021, 110,488 permits to carry were issued statewide with 359 new permits being issued in Nobles County. Nobles County has a total of 1,448 active permits.

During 2021, 546 permits to carry were suspended, revoked, voided, or cancelled.

Overall, permit holders are involved with relatively few crimes, regardless if a pistol was used in furtherance of the crime.

Of the 110,488 permit holders, only 3,863 or 0.035% committed a crime.

The most common crime committed by permit holders was DWI with 902 permit holders being convicted. Only 10 permit holders used the handgun in furtherance of the crime.

Miscellaneous traffic related crimes such as fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, driving after cancellation/suspension or motor vehicle registration offenses made up for 1,454 crimes with only one person using a pistol in furtherance of the



crime.

Permit holders committed 89 assault related crimes with a pistol being used 13 times.

For homicides, 12 permit holders were convicted of homicide with only 3 using a pistol in the furtherance of the crime.

Credit: Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension 2021 Permit to Carry Report

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## New Year – New Training

With the start of 2022, Worthington Police Department officers have been hard at it with their training.

Already this year, they have trained in the use of the Taser, OC Spray, and less lethal launchers.

This training is done in addition to the monthly safety trainings and online trainings each officer does.

**Being a cop is essentially dealing with people being mad at you for the decisions THEY made.**

- Mike the cop



## Scam Alert: Gift Cards

Recently the Worthington Police Department received a call of a scam involving the credit card style gift cards that are commonly sold at many retail stores.

In this case, the victim received a gift card for Christmas and when she went to use the card, she discovered the money had already been spent from the card.

During the investigation, the gift

card company would not help or provide any assistance in this case.

To make matters worse, the terms of service for the gift card would only allow for reimbursement of the stolen money within 60 days from the purchase of the gift card.

In a case like this where the gift card was purchased for Christmas and the recipient waited a month to use the card, 60 days may have

already passed since the card was purchased.

Due to these factors, I would not recommend giving these gift cards for gifts.

If you do decide to give someone a gift card, consider purchasing it using a credit card or debit card.

By using a credit card or debit card, you can request a chargeback if the money from the gift card is stolen.



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](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)

You may remain anonymous.

## Ask an Officer: Bail Bond Questions

### Why are people allowed bail on serious crimes such as murder?

Under the Minnesota Constitution, people have the right to bail regardless of how serious the crime is.

This simply means that a judge cannot hold someone without bond.

A judge can hold someone for a short amount of time while a bail bond study is performed to determine what an appropriate bond is.

The United States government does not have a bail requirement and they can hold someone without bond in certain cases.

There are also multiple states that follow the federal model and do not require bond for every offense.

### How much does a bondsman cost?

Generally, a bondsman will charge you about 10% of your bond to get you out of jail. This amount is non-refundable, and you will not get this back.

When a bondman bails you out of jail, they are guaranteeing to the court that you will appear in court.

If you fail to appear in court, the bondsman will have a short time to bring you in front of the court or they will risk forfeiting the entire bail amount and not just the amount you paid to the bondsman.

If a bondman believe you will not appear in court, they have the legal right to revoke their bond, take you into custody, and return you to jail.

Specific requirements to bond out, such as co-signer requirements or exact costs to bond out should be directed to the individual bail bond company.

### How are bail bonds set?

Bail bonds are typically set either by state statute, such as in the case of DWIs, or by the judge.

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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## Humor in Law Enforcement

Bank robbery can be a stressful situation for everyone involved, including the bank robber.

Our stressed-out robber entered a bank with gun and bag in hand and demanded 700,000 pounds in cash from the bank teller.

Instead of passing the bag to the teller, our stressed-out bank robber gave the teller his gun!

Unlike the bank robber, the teller knew exactly what to do.

After finding himself looking at the business end of his gun, the bank robber fled the building empty handed.

Our would-be robber did not leave empty handed, he did manage to steal a bicycle on the way out the door.



## Mission Statement

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

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