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## Notable Calls: Murder Suspect Arrest

Members of the Worthington Police Department were recently commended by the Sioux Falls Police Department for their actions in apprehending a man suspected of committing a murder in Sioux Falls.

The case started out when the Sioux Falls Police Department received a call to 1908 East Rice Street for a cardiac arrest call.

Once at the scene, the Sioux Falls police officers discovered the incident was a double stabbing.

The stabbing victims were identified as 19-year-old Ammuna Gayya and 27-year-old Denga Kotudi, both of Sioux Falls.

Gayya was transported to the hospital and was pronounced dead, while Kotudi was treated for his injuries.

During the course of the investigation, the Sioux Falls Police Department identified the suspect as Janno Kollay Talla of Worthington and was able to identify the vehicle that Talla was driving.

The Sioux Falls Police Department quickly notified the Worthington Police Department to be on the lookout for Talla. Within approximately 10 minutes of receiving the information from the Sioux Falls Police Department, Worthington officers located Talla on I-90, just coming into Worthington.

After performing a felony traffic stop, Talla was taken into custody without incident.

In commending the Worthington Police

Department's officers, Sioux Falls Police Chief Matt Burns stated he was most impressed with our police officers' professionalism and with the manner in which they secured the evidence.

Talla was extradited back to South Dakota where he was charged with first-degree and second-degree murder and for aggravated assault. He is currently being housed in the Minnehaha County Jail.



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## Rail Crossing Safety

In light of the recent fatal accident at the Flower Lane railroad crossing which claimed the lives of two people and seriously injured a third, now would be a good time to review rail crossing safety.

Never race a train to the crossing – even if you tie, you lose. A good analogy would be a car running over a pop can. The pop can never wins and neither will you if you race the train.

Trains are closer and moving faster than you think. Trains in Worthington can reach speeds of 35-40 miles per hour while trains leaving Worthington can reach speeds of 55

miles per hour.

Trains cannot stop in time to avoid a collision. Trains traveling at 55 miles per hour can take more than a mile to stop after the emergency brakes are applied.

Never drive around lowered gates. If you suspect the signal is malfunctioning, you can call the 1-800 number posted next to the signal or call the police department to report it.



Do not get trapped on the tracks. Proceed through a highway-rail grade only if you are sure you can completely clear the crossing without stopping. The train is three feet wider than the tracks on both sides.

If your vehicle ever stalls on the tracks, get out immediately and move away from the tracks toward the direction of the train to prevent being hit by debris.

Finally, always expect the train!

**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: Odd/Even Parking

Once again November is here and so is the start of the Odd-Even parking restrictions. Odd-Even parking is enforced November 15<sup>th</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12:01 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day.

This means that vehicles can only be parked on the odd side of the street on odd calendar days or on the even side of the street on even numbered days. The odd or even side of the street is determined by the house or business number. Please call (507) 295-5400 with questions.

Violators can be fined and have their vehicle towed.

## Scam Alert: The Fake Package Tracking Notification

The newest scam that is making the rounds just in time for the holidays is the Fake Package Tracking Notification scam.

The scam starts off with an email that appears to come from a shipping company such as Fed Ex or UPS and contains a link so you can check the shipping status of a package.

When you click on the link, it will automatically download the Zeus

Banking Trojan Virus onto your computer.

This virus sits on your computer and logs all of your keystrokes in order to get your user names and passwords for your financial accounts.

The easiest way to avoid this type of scam is to not click on any links you receive via email.

If you are not sure if the email you received is real, go to the website of the shipping company

and check the shipping details from there.

Most of the emails that have already been received are almost exact copies of the real emails sent and can be very difficult to distinguish from the real emails.

FedEx.



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.

## Upcoming Department Training

The Worthington Police Department takes great pride in having some of the best trained officers around and the training opportunities in November is keeping up with that.

Training for November includes:

**Tourniquet Training** – The Worthington Police Department recently purchased Mechanical Advantage Tourniquets for all department vehicles and medical kits. Officers will learn when and how to apply the tourniquet in order to stop serious bleeding.

**LIDAR Training** – A LIDAR gun uses light pulses with a known

time interval between each pulse in order to measure the speed and distance of a vehicle. Due to the small size of the light beam emitted, the officer is required to aim the unit at the vehicle they intend to measure.

**Sexual Exploitation Training** – Officers will receive training on the recognition and investigation of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

**Dementia Training** – Officers will receive training in understanding Dementia and how this disease effects people afflicted with it. This training also includes the use of a

simulator to help officers to experience the effects of Dementia in order to better understand it.

These trainings are in addition to the monthly OSHA mandated classes and the monthly Patrol Online trainings each officer receives.



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## Humor in Law Enforcement

Some people will try almost anything to avoid a DWI except to plan ahead and not drive when they are intoxicated.

Our Criminal of the Month comes from Iowa where a 39-year-old man was pulled over for driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

The man appeared to be confused and did not realize that he was going the wrong way down the street.

The man admitted to having two drinks and failed the field sobriety tests.

The man was taken to the drunk driving processing room where he tried to eat toilet paper because he thought it would help him pass the breathalyzer test.

Needless to say, it did not work. The male tested .165% blood alcohol content, which was twice the legal limit in Iowa.



If you were wondering, preliminary breath test instruments and the Datamaster used by the Worthington Police Department, measure alcohol content from the air in the lungs.

## Mission Statement

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

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