



Dakota County Sheriff

The Front Row

"A front row seat to the greatest show on Earth..."

Don Gudmundson, Sheriff
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A Quiet Walk in the Woods...

A walk through the woods is typically a pleasant experience as one takes in the sounds, smells, and sights of spring. This past Sunday for four people it was a less than pleasant experience. While walking off-trail in Lebanon Park in Eagan, the



four friends found a coffin with skeletal remains inside. A phone call was made and Eagan Police and members of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office Parks, Lakes, and Trails Division also responded to the scene. Three of the four individuals had scattered after making the find, but the remaining member took police to the location of the coffin. A closer look at the coffin revealed the skeletal remains were made of plastic and left there as part of a game called Geocache. The game involves leaving a wide variety of

items (coffin and plastic skeleton as an example) in a remote area. Game players are given the coordinates for where to find the item using their GPS unit. It could best be described as a scavenger hunt for techies. The coffin and its occupant were taken into custody and the new coordinates for locating it would be (44 degrees 44' 29.70 N by 92 degrees 53' 09.72 W); for those of you without a GPS unit, that would be the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. Good luck! Responding from the DCSO were **Sergeant Pat Enderlein, Parks Corporal Chris Haars, and Park Ranger Brandon Rogers.**



What Happened to Quiet Sunday Mornings?

That was especially true this past Sunday when a 46-year-old man from Anoka decided to steal a woman's purse while walking out of the Perkin's Restaurant in Hastings. The man jumped on his motorcycle and sped off westbound on Highway 55. In hindsight, the suspect may have wished he consulted his map when planning his getaway since his direction of travel was taking him right past the



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Sheriff's Office. By the time he reached the DCSO, his description had been broadcast on the police radio and his fate was sealed, however, not before he tried to run from deputies who pursued him for several miles. According to Deputy Lohmann, he was fairly certain he was following the right suspect, based on the purse hanging from the handlebars. He initially went north on Highway 52 before going into the ditch to go southbound on 52. The pursuit eventually ended when he rode his motorcycle into a field and tried to hide from deputies. A St. Paul Police canine officer responded to the area and the suspect was located and taken into custody. **Sergeant Scott Durdall** and **Deputies Sharon Drews, Char Rayl, Gordy Steffel,** and **Bruce and Brent Lohmann** responded to the call.

Patrol Notes...

Several members of the Patrol Division responded to a fire at the Ravenna Town Hall on Wednesday, May 13th. The building was completely destroyed and arson



is suspected in the fire. **Deputies Jim Iliff and Gordy Steffel,** as well as **Detective Rick Schroeder,** responded to the fire and the investigation continues. Anyone with information can contact the Dakota County Sheriff's Office at 651-438-4727 or the Arson Reward Hotline at 1-800-723-2020.

Over the past week several arrests of impaired drivers were made by members of the DCSO. **Deputy Sharon Drews** arrested

two individuals, and **Deputies Matt Wayne, Tim Samuelson, Matt Schepers,** and **Matt Schuster** each made one arrest.

Behind the Bars...

The jail averaged 277 inmates in custody each day over the past week. A total of 228 new inmates were booked into custody during this time, with another 31 in "Book and Release".

Our Condolences...

To **Program Services Assistant Fran Bakke** and her husband, Orrin, upon the death of Orrin's mother, on May 12th. Amelia Bakke died in Albert Lea, Minnesota, at the age of 95.

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