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Scam Season

We've all seen reports of different scams reported in the news and social media. Our officers have also taken reports on some of these scams.

On December 8th, officers took a report from a couple who reported receiving a call stating their daughter had been kidnapped and demanding they go to a local store to send them money. While the parents were receiving this call, their daughter received a call from someone purporting to be from the Rice County Sheriff's Office, stating she had missed jury duty and demanded money or face arrest. This person instructed the victim to get "Green Dot" cards and transfer the money.

Our officers located the daughter safe and sound, but not before she transferred over \$4,000 to the scammer.

Law enforcement will never call to demand money or threaten arrest. If a person is the subject of a warrant, we will arrest them in person and they may post bail at the jail. Additionally, warrants are not issued for missing jury duty.

In late November, officers responded to a local bank who reported a customer withdrawing large amounts of money to bail her grandson out of jail. The woman stated she had received a call from a "jailer" demanding bail money. The scammer was very quick on the phone and did

not provide details to the victim. The scammer instructed the victim to hide cash in a magazine and then mail the magazine to an address in Michigan, which was determined to be vacant. The victim lost \$33,000.

Detectives are working on both cases in an attempt to identify the scammers.

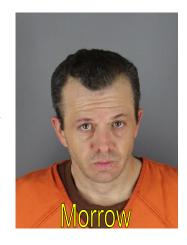
Again, law enforcement will not demand money by phone. If in doubt, please give us a call and we can help determine the veracity of calls from people claiming to be "in custody". Your best bet is to hang up and not talk to people making these types of calls.

Our lobby will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Late Night Ride

On Wednesday, December 20th, Officer Josh Alexander observed a person riding a bike just after midnight. He noted the bike did not have any required lights, and the rider failed to stop for a stop sign. He stopped the bike and identified the driver as Kevin Morrow, 39. He told Ofc. Alexander that he had traded a TV and another bike to purchase the one he was riding. In checking the serial number of the bike, Ofc. Alexander discovered it was report-

ed stolen from Mankato, and Morrow was placed under arrest. During a search, Ofc. Alexander discovered a small baggie of suspected methamphetamine in Morrow's pocket. The contents later field-tested positive for methamphetamine. Morrow was jailed and charged with 5th degree Controlled Substances. He was released on his own recognizance.



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Snow Emergency Reminders

snow, more is inevitable. When Snowmageddon (or its little brother) finally arrives, here's where you can find information about now emergencies: "I am not disposed City of Faribault website

Everbridge notification system (text and email only)

Now that we've gotten a little

Nixle notification system Police Department Facebook page & Twitter feed

FCTV KDHL / KQCL radio **KEYC TV - Mankato**

KTTC TV - Rochester Faribault Daily News website & Facebook page Digital billboard - Hwy. 21 and

Blue lights on Central Avenue (Division Street and 4th Street)

Snow emergency hotline -507-333-0368

Residents are encouraged to enroll with Everbridge by visiting the "Emergency Information" tab on the police department website, then click on "Citizen Alert Notification

Sign Up". Residents already enrolled in Everbridge are asked to log on to their account, review their information and personalize their notifications. Snow emergencies will be sent under "Rice County Alerts".

Residents may also enroll in Notify Me® for email only alerts. Visit the city website and click on the Notify Me link on the home page. Supply your email address and click on the alerts you wish to receive. The text option is not available at this time.

Along with the delicious popcorn treats they delivered last week, members of Troop 306 and Pack 310 met with Sergeant Eric Sammon, Officer Mike Thul and K9 Chase for a tour of the department.



Questions? Comments? Please contact the Faribault Police Department at 507-334-4305 or 25 NW 4th Street, Faribault, MN 55021

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gathered the fruits."

Charles Goodyear

Born December 29, 1800

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others

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Warrant Watch

This week, we're looking for Marcus King, 35. He is the subject of arrest warrants failing to appear for DWI - Refuse to Test, and a second warrant for failing to appear for Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing Legal Process. King is 5'09" tall, weighs 165 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes.

We're also looking for Jacob Mello, 34. He is the subject of three arrest warrants for theft and trespassing. Hennepin and Goodhue Counties also hold warrants for Mello. He is 6"00"



tall, weighs 182 pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes.



If you have information about either King or Mello, please give us a call at 507-334-4305.