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## **BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: Multiple**

**Date/Time: 6/13/2017**

### **Several Suspects Charged with Forgery**

Over the past month, Investigator Rich Berg has undertaken several investigations related to cases of forgery and fraud. In these instances, it was City of Big Lake residents or businesses defrauded by individuals from other communities. The following criminal charges resulted from these investigations;

**Kyle Douvier** (Age 21 – Melrose MN) was charged by criminal complaint with felony Forgery with the Intent to Defraud. In May of 2017 It was reported to Big Lake Police that Douvier presented a payroll check from Target in the amount of \$817.60 at the Big Lake Coborns, which was cashed. The check was later returned, having been found by the bank to be a fraudulent check. Coborn's allows customers to cash a check with valid identification, and a finger print. During the investigation, Investigator Rich Berg compared a video of Douvier, with the photograph on Douvier's drivers license, it was determined to be the same person.

**Danielle Kriesel** (Age 46 – Little Falls MN) was charged by criminal complaint with felony Forgery with the Intent to Defraud. In January of 2017, Kriesel presented a check to cash at Coborn's, which was from the Tri-County Abstract and Title Company in the amount of \$826.69. At the time the check was cashed, Kreisel was identified by her drivers license. The check was later returned, having been found by the bank to be a fraudulent check.

**Brittany Reichard** (Age 21 – Sauk Rapids) was charged by criminal complaint with felony Forgery with the Intent to Defraud. Investigator Rich Berg initiated an investigation into two checks which were passed at Big Lake Coborns, and later returned as being fraudulent. Brittany Reichard presented two checks for payment of multiple items, the checks were in the following amounts; \$103.08 and \$271.71. The checks were later returned, having been found by the bank to be a fraudulent checks. Investigator Berg was aware the Reichard was under investigation for passing fraudulent checks in multiple other jurisdictions. Investigator Berg could view surveillance footage of both transactions, he positively identified Reichard as the person responsible for the forged checks.

**Rinda Etter** (Age 57 – Talmoon MN) was charged by criminal complaint with; Theft by Swindle and Credit Card Fraud, both felony offenses. In February of 2017, Etter was contracted by a Big Lake Resident to provide a supply of candy products for a new business. A transaction in the amount of \$1,846.97 was paid. Etter was running a business she identified as the LaSaRe Candy Company. A second payment in the amount of \$700 was later made for additional products. When the victims checked their credit card statement, they realized \$2,375 had been charged, not the agreed upon \$700. None of the products paid for were every delivered, a total loss of \$4221.97 was incurred by the victims. When the company was contacted, it was discovered that Etter was not their employee. Etter was in the Koochaching County Jail, she also has outstanding charges in Itaska County.