



****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 18-1992

Date/Time: 3/19/2018

Suspect Arrested Following Injury Crash

On March 16, 2018 at about 11:30 pm, Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Glenwood Dr. and County 43 for a reported vehicle crash with injuries. When Officers arrived, they found a female in the drivers seat of a 2012 Ford Escape, and a male identified as Joseph Gorsegner (Age 31 – Fridley, MN) in the passenger seat. There was also a 10-year-old child in the rear seat. The female initially indicated she was the driver of this vehicle, but through their investigation Officers determined that it was in fact Gorsegner who was driving the vehicle when it was involved in the crash. Gorsegner and the female switched seats, and she attempted to pass herself off to Officers as the driver.

An ambulance arrived on the scene, the occupants of the second vehicle were later seen in the emergency room for injuries sustained during the crash including; a fractured wrist, head and neck pain. Through their investigation, it was determined that Gorsegner had been traveling eastbound on Glenwood Dr. approaching the intersection with County 43. Gorsegner was manipulating his cell phone when the passenger yelled "stop sign," Gorsegner went through the stop sign striking the second vehicle broadside in the intersection.

Gorsegner failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for Criminal Vehicular Operation, and booked into the Sherburne County Jail. A preliminary breath test indicated an alcohol level of .15, nearly twice the legal limit. During a search of Gorsegner, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were recovered. Gorsegner was found to have a prior DWI Offense in 2016. A search warrant was obtained for a blood sample, which was taken from Gorsegner. Gorsegner was charged by criminal complaint with;

- (2 Counts) Criminal Vehicular Operation – Bodily Harm – Under the Influence of Alcohol.
- 2nd Degree Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Child in Vehicle and Prior Offense)
- Open Container of Alcohol
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia