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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 18-2440

Date/Time: 4/4/2018

Suspect Charged with Methamphetamine Possession

On March 31 at about 11:00 pm Officer Guy Chaffee initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle being operated by Donald Dietrich Jr (Age 61 – Elk River) for a traffic violation. As Officer Chaffee was speaking with Dietrich, he noticed a hypodermic needle in the back seat. Officer Chaffee verified through his dialogue with Dietrich that he has no medical conditions which required an injection from a hypodermic needle.

Officer Chaffe and Aase conducted a search of Dietrich's vehicle, resulting in the discovery of multiple syringes, one of which containing methamphetamine. Officer Chaffee also noted that Dietrich appeared to be impaired by a controlled substance. Dietrich was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. While enroute to the jail, Officer Chaffee noted that Deitrich was making unusual movements in the rear seat of his patrol car. During a routine search following Dietrich's transport, a hypodermic needle was found between the seat cushions in Officer Chaffee's patrol car.

Dietrich was charged by criminal complaint with; 5th Degree Controlled Substance Possession (felony).

Incident Number: 17-7042

Date/Time: 4/4/2018

Suspect Charged with Narcotic Possession

On July 22, 2017 Big Lake Police Officers were at the residence of Christopher Baldwin (Age 41 – Big Lake) attempting to serve an arrest warrant. During this process, Officers observed items consistent with narcotic use. A search warrant was obtained, and the residence searched. During the search of Baldwin's residence, a bottle of pills was retrieved which contained a controlled substance identified as buprenorphine. Baldwin did not possess a prescription for these items. The charging of this case took an extended period pending laboratory confirmation of this controlled substance.

Buprenorphine is used in medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to help people reduce or quit their use of heroin or other opiates, such as pain relievers like morphine. Buprenorphine is an opioid partial agonist. This means that, like opioids, it produces effects such as euphoria or respiratory depression.

Baldwin was charged by criminal complaint with 5th Degree Controlled Substance Possession (felony)