



**** MEDIA RELEASE ****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 17-961

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The Power of Reporting Suspicious Driving

This media release, and contents of what took place are being utilized to illustrate the importance of our public reporting activity they view as suspicious. So many of the arrests that take place, are the result of citizens reporting what looks out of the ordinary to them.

On January 30 at 4:30 p.m., a citizen called the Sherburne County Dispatch Center to report an erratic driver. The citizen observed the driver weaving in their lane of traffic crossing the center and fog lines in on Eagle Lake Road. Sergeant Chaffee was dispatched to the complaint, located the vehicle, and also observed the same driving behavior. Following a traffic stop, the driver, a 26 year old Becker Resident was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. During a search of the driver, an empty pistol holster was located. During a search of the vehicle, a Glock 9mm pistol was located in the rear of the vehicle, within 1 foot of where a 2 year old child was seated. The driver and the child were the only occupants of the vehicle.

Breath testing of the driver resulted in a blood alcohol content of .27, over 3 times the legal limit of .08. As a result of this arrest, the driver was charged with; 2nd Degree Driving Under the Influence (1 prior DWI Offense and blood alcohol above .16), Negligent Storage of a Firearm, and Endangerment of a Child – Could Cause Death or Harm.

This arrest was the result of a concerned citizen who observed unusual driving behavior, and made the decision to report what they were observing. This call could very well have saved a life! Please, when you see unusual driving behavior such as this, call 911 and report it!