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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: 17-8997**

**Date/Time: 9/19/2017**

### **Methamphetamine and Stolen Auto Arrest**

On September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 am Officer Sam Norlin was on patrol when he noticed a vehicle parked in the Northstar Train Station Lot. Officer recognized this vehicle as one that had been reported stolen the prior day in St. Cloud. Officer Norlin ran the license plate and confirmed the vehicle was listed as stolen. There was a male seated in the driver seat of the stolen vehicle at this time who was later identified as Joseph Alman (Age 30 – St. Cloud). Officer Norlin held Alman at gunpoint until backup officers arrived, at which time he was taken into custody. During the time, Officer Norlin originally saw the Alman, he was seen tossing a pack of cigarettes. Officer Norlin retrieved the cigarette box, inside he found 2.4 grams of a substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Also, located in the vehicle was a Sony Playstation, later found to be stolen property. During a recorded statement with Alman, he admitted to burglarizing a prior roommate's residence taking the vehicle, and Playstation. Alman also admitted that the methamphetamine in fact belonged to him.

Alman was booked into the Sherburne County Jail where he was charged by criminal complaint with; 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony), and Possession of a Stolen Auto (Felony). The information regarding the burglary was forwarded to the St. Cloud Police Department for their investigation.