



****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 18009606

Date/Time: 11/06/2018

Suspect Charged with Witness Tampering and Terroristic Threats

On October 10th, 2018, Officer Tyler Sinclair was dispatched to an address on Lake Ridge Drive to take a theft of medication complaint. During an interview with the female victim, Officer Sinclair learned that she possesses a prescription for Oxycodone. The victim noticed that her medication was missing from her bedroom. The victim states she just filled the prescription, so the bottle was full. The victim could not provide any information on who may have taken her medication, although she does have roommates in her residence.

Officer Sinclair was requested to return to the residence, he was given additional information from one of the roommates. During an interview, the roommate disclosed that a person identified as; Markus H. Lewis (Age 21 – Little Falls, MN) had been at the residence at the time the medication was taken. The witness observed Lewis enter and take the Oxycodone from the victim's bedroom. Lewis placed the medication into his backpack. Lewis told the witness that he can sell the pills in Little Falls for \$10 each. An argument ensued over the theft, at which time Lewis pulled a knife and stated to the witness; "don't tell nobody, because if you do, I will come back and kill you." According to the witness, Lewis is a gang member in Minneapolis, possesses firearms, and has a history of violence.

Following the completion of this investigation, Markus Lewis was charged by criminal complaint with; Tampering with a Witness – 1st Degree (Felony), and Threats of Violence – Reckless Disregard of Risk (Felony). **There is currently an active arrest warrant for Lewis's on these charges. If anyone has information on his whereabouts, please contact our department.**

