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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: 19-005103**

**Date/Time: 05/05/2019 12:39am**

## **Suspect Arrested for Methamphetamine Possession**

On May 5, 2019 at approximately 12:39am Officer Tom Kucala observed a vehicle with a non-functional head light and initiated a traffic stop. As part of his investigation Officer Kucala asked the driver to exit the vehicle. As the driver exited a hypodermic needle fell from his clothing onto the roadway. Officer Kucala located another hypodermic needle in the driver's pocket. The driver stated one of the needles was used for heroin.

The female passenger, Maria M. Barrett (Age 25 – Minneapolis, MN) exited the vehicle. Inside the glove box was a hypodermic needle with approximately 10 milliliters of a liquid. Barrett admitted the hypodermic needle was hers and was loaded with methamphetamine. The liquid contents field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Barrett was arrested and booked into the Sherburne County Jail. Barrett was charged by criminal complaint with; Gross Misdemeanor 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime (methamphetamine – Schedule II controlled substance).