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Press Release

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Suspect Charged for Excavation in Lake Mitchell Park

Recently, the Big Lake Police Department fielded a complaint related to a person excavating in the Shores of Lake Mitchell Park. When Officers inspected the area, they found a very deep, square area excavated. There was a ladder leading into the hole, concrete on the floor, and the beginning portions of roof construction.

The Big Lake Police Department deployed one of our newest tools, Arlo. Arlo is a video camera which transmits video on movement via a Verizon Connection to an application on our Officers cell phones. Over the weekend, Arlo transmitted two videos to on duty Officers of the suspect at work.

As a result of this, Officer Tom Kucala located this suspect later in the area. The suspect fled on foot but was located and taken into custody. Mathew Bohnenkamp (Age 48 – Big Lake, MN) was arrested on; Felony Outstanding Arrest Warrant - Escape, and a Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant for Drugs.

Bohnenkamp later admitted to digging the excavation site during an Interview with Officer Kucala, his clothing and appearance matched what is observed in the video. Bohnenkamp was charged by summons with misdemeanor property damage, restitution will be requested to return the site to its previous state.





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