



# Big Lake Police Department

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## Press Release

**Incident Number: 20001263**

**Date/Time: 03/20/2020 8:00am**

### **Suspect Charged with Possession of Counterfeit Currency**

On 01/27/2020 at approximately 6:15pm Officer Chris Hoard responded to Speedway gas station for a report about someone passing counterfeit currency. Surveillance video showed a man later identified as Jacob Theis (Age 28 – St. Francis, MN) purchase four lottery tickets with four counterfeit \$10 bills. When Theis purchased the tickets, he threw the counterfeit currency on the counter, grabbed the lottery tickets, and left quickly.

After the original report, Investigator Nic Prigge was watching the news when he saw a similar case had occurred in Blaine, MN. When Investigator Prigge contacted the Investigator in that case, he learned they had identified the suspect in their case as Theis. Investigator Prigge reviewed their surveillance footage, and he identified the same suspect as in the Big Lake Case. In addition, some of the serial numbers on the counterfeit bills passed in Big Lake, were the same as in Blaine.

Theis was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony Possessing Counterfeit Currency. Theis has charges pending in other jurisdictions as well.