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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: 17-4607**

**Date/Time: 5/17/2017**

**Suspect Charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 pm, Officer Joe Kalla initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Larry Kartak (Age 47 – Center City MN) on Highway 10 for expired registration. As Officer Kalla was speaking to Kartak, he could smell burning marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officer Kalla also observed a marijuana pipe on the front passenger seat.

Officer Kalla undertook a search of the vehicle, during which time he discovered a handgun in the map pocket area behind the passenger seat. Kartak was convicted of Domestic Assault by Strangulation (felony) in 2008, in Chisago County. Kartak admitted that he could not possess a handgun due to the felony crime of violence conviction.

Kartak was arrested, and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Kartak was charged by criminal complaint with; Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of a Crime of Violence (felony).