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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 17-7457

Date/Time: 8/7/2017

Methamphetamine Arrest

On August 4th at 3:30am Officer Jason Oltmanns was on patrol when he noticed a vehicle driving in the area of Providence Drive and Meadow Lane. Shortly after Officer Oltmanns observed the vehicle, the driver made a quick, erratic turn into a driveway and parked. As Officer Oltmanns drove past the vehicle, he observed one person laying back in the driver's seat as though they were trying to conceal themselves, the vehicle lights were now off.

Officer Oltmanns parked his patrol car, and walked up to this vehicle. Officer Oltmanns found a male fully reclined in the driver's seat, with his head turned as though trying to look out. As Officer Oltmanns approached the vehicle, he observed a plastic baggie sitting on top of a soda can in a cup holder. Officer Oltmanns knew from his experience, that this type of baggie is typically used to hold controlled substances. The driver was identified by a driver's license as Sier Hinds (Age 27 – St. Cloud), his license was suspended. It was determined the Hinds has no connection to the location he was stopped at.

Sergeant Matt Hayen arrived to assist, walking up on the passenger side of Hinds's vehicle. From where Sgt. Hayen was standing, he could see a baggie of what appeared to be marijuana near the center console. Officer Oltmanns searched the vehicle, where he found the baggie on the soda can to contain a crystal substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Officer Oltmanns also located a zippered pouch which contained several crystals, which also field tested positive for methamphetamine. Located in the zippered pouch were; a metal spoon, pieces of cotton, and several more baggies, all consistent with methamphetamine ingestion. Also, located in the vehicle was a hypodermic needle which contained a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Hinds was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Hinds was charged by criminal complaint with; 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony).