

News Release



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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 13-4744 & 13-4776

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Burglary Charges Filed

On August 8, 2013 Big Lake Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Eagle Lake Road North regarding a burglary that had taken place. Through initial information provided by the victim, Officers determined that the residence at this location was in the process of undergoing renovations, and was not occupied. The owner had discovered someone had entered the property, and that damage had been done including; broken windows, damage to cabinets, and damaged walls. In addition multiple tools were missing valued at over \$2,600. Through the investigation, a suspect was identified as Jeremiah Pierson (Age 21 – Big Lake). The investigation also revealed the location of many of the missing tools, which were recovered. Pierson has been charged in Sherburne County District Court with; 2nd Degree Burglary of a Dwelling (felony), and 4th Degree Damage to Property (gross misdemeanor). Pierson's initial appearance is pending.

Theft from Local Organization Results in Theft Charges

On August 13, 2013 a report was made to the Big Lake Police Department regarding an unauthorized check having been written on an account owned by the Big Lake Women of Today. An investigation revealed that a check in the amount of \$1,400 had cleared on their account, with notes written that indicated; "renew non-profit." It was determined that then-president of the Big Lake Women of Today, Rebecca Martin (Age 39 – Big Lake) had in fact written the check to herself at a local bank, endorsed the back and cashed it. Martin had obtained a check blank, with the understanding she was proceeding to make payment to the State of Minnesota for the non-profit renewal in the amount of \$400. One hour and 40 minutes later surveillance video showed her cashing the check for \$1,400 at a local bank. Martin has been charged in Sherburne County District Court with; Theft (felony), and Theft by Swindle (felony). Martin's initial appearance date is still pending.



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