



Department

# News Release

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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number:** N/A

**Date/Time:** 1/9/2014

## 2 Investigations Result in Criminal Charges

**Burglary Charges:** On 09/05/2013 a report was made to Big Lake Police of a burglary having taken place at a residence in the City. The report indicated that the victim had recently evicted a suspect who was residing at his residence, due to narcotics use. The suspect remained in possession of a key to the residence, and did return and enter the property without permission committing a theft of 2 electric guitars valued at \$1,300. The guitars were found to have been pawned in St. Cloud, after a check of statewide pawn records by a Big Lake Police Investigator. The guitars were recovered. Scott Baker Age 33 – St. Cloud was charged by complaint with; 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony Burglary of a Dwelling.

**Fail to Register as a Predatory Offender:** As a part of compliance with the State of Minnesota Predatory Registration Program, all person(s) required to register by statute must submit changes of address and other information to local law enforcement, this program is administered by Investigators of the Big Lake Police Department. 10/05/2013 an Investigator became aware that a suspect required to register was utilizing an address in the City of Big Lake, but was in fact residing in another location outside the area. After an investigation into his registration status, Jason McLaughlin - Age 24 was charged with Felony Failure to Register as a Predatory Offender. McLaughlin is not in the Big Lake area at this time. Those required to register under the program must provide a change of status within 5 days of moving, or changes in other required information.

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