

****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLIC DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 14-4315

Date/Time: 7/8/2014

Suspect Charged with Possession of Child Pornography

On June 25 2014, Big Lake Police Investigator Terry Nordquist was requested to respond to a local computer service business regarding suspicious materials on a computer hard drive. During a routine scan of the hard drive by the service technician at the business, several images of children depicted in sexually suggestive positions were located on the storage media. Investigator Nordquist took possession of the hard drive which was forensically analyzed. Items located on the drive included previously recognized victims of child pornography through a match with a data base at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Center (NCMEC).

On June 27th Investigators served a search warrant on the suspect's residence, taking custody of additional computer hardware. An ongoing analysis of these items initially revealed additional recognized child victims, including 58 identified children through (NCMEC). The analysis is ongoing at this time and this investigation remains active.

Based upon the initial items located, a criminal complaint was issued July 3rd charging Dennis Schmidt (Age 70-Big Lake) with 2 counts of Possess of Pornographic Work (felony) with a pending court date.