

****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLIC DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: N/A

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Possession/Distribution of Child Pornography Charges **Filed**

On August 8, 2013 an investigation was forwarded to the Big Lake Police Department, by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension regarding a suspect possessing and distributing child pornography in the City of Big Lake. An Agent of the MN BCA was alerted to the suspected activity through a file sharing site commonly utilized for distribution of child pornography; he shared the results of his initial investigation with an Investigator from Big Lake Police.

September 24, 2013 a search warrant was executed jointly by the MN BCA and Big Lake Police at the residence of Luke Blegen. During the execution of this warrant, several computer and electronic data storage items were seized. As a result of the examination of these items, and the prior investigation, criminal charges were filed August 11 against Luke Blegen (Age 36). On April 4 2016, Blegen plead guilty in Sherburne County District Court to; 4 Counts – Felony – Possession of Pornographic Works Involving Minors on Computer or Electronic Device. As a result of the plea, Blegen was sentenced to 180 days in the Sherburne County Jail, followed by 5 years of supervised probation.