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BIG LAKE POLIC DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 14-2899

Date/Time: 5/7/2014

Suspect Arrested After Passing Counterfeit Bills

On May 5 at 11:25 p.m. Big Lake Police Officers were dispatched to McDonalds on a report possible counterfeit bills were being passed by suspect's currently in the drive thru. This suspect bills were being used to pay for 2 separate orders. Officer's Norlin and Siebert arrived and detained the two suspects, who were still waiting at the drive thru.

Through their investigation, Officers determined that both people present had passed what was confirmed to be counterfeit \$20 bills to pay for their orders. It was determined through interviews that the driver had obtained his \$20 bill from the passenger, identified as Andrew Pollari – Age 24, who has no permanent address. Pollari told Officers, that he had obtained the money as payment for marijuana he had just sold. Pieces of a torn up \$20 bill were found on the floor where Pollari was seated. Also found in the vehicle was a glass pipe with a powdery substance in it which field tested positive for methamphetamine, which was forwarded for analysis. Charges for the substance will be pending confirmation of it being a narcotic substance. Pollari was placed under arrest and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. After arriving at the jail, Officer Norlin searched the rear seat of his patrol car where Pollari was seated and found a \$100 counterfeit concealed that was not there prior.

Pollari was charged by complaint with; 1 Count of Possessing or Uttering Counterfeit Currency.