

****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number:

Date/Time: 11/21/2014

Jesus Puente Sentence to 10 Years in Prison

On November 21st, Sherburne County District Judge Sheridan Hawley sentenced Jesus Puente (Age 35-Big Lake) to 122 months in prison stemming from a December 30th, 2013 incident in Big Lake. On September 2nd a Sherburne County Jury found Puente guilty on all charges after a 3 day jury trial. The charges include; 1st Degree Felony Assault-Deadly Force Upon a Peace Officer, 2nd Degree Felony Assault, 4th Degree Assault on a Police Officer, Violation of a Court Order for Protection, and 2 Counts of Stalking.

Officers initially had contact with Puente after he placed approximately 1,100 phone calls over 2 days to a person he was prohibited from contacting under the terms of an Order for Protection. Officers intercepted Puente going to the residence he was also prohibited from being at under the same protective order. While trying to arrest Puente, Lieutenant Sam Olson was dragged by Puente's Vehicle after his arm became trapped in the passenger side window, as Puente was trying to flee the scene. Puente only stopped the vehicle after Lieutenant Olson drew his sidearm and stated he was going to utilize deadly force.

The Big Lake Police Department wants to thank Assistant County Attorney Liz Spilde of the Sherburne County Attorney's Office for the time and dedication put into prosecuting this case.