

****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 14-7322

Date/Time: 10/15/2014

Juvenile Arrested Following Incident In Lakeside Park

On October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Big Lake Police Officers were dispatched to Lakeside Park on a report that a vehicle had been shot at. In meeting with the owner of the vehicle, Officers determined the following had taken place. The owner (victim) was seated in a vehicle adjacent to the skate park. The victim stated that she could hear sounds similar to "firecrackers." When the victim rolled down her window to hear for certain what was taking place, the side window behind her shattered. The victim at this point thought she was being shot at and called 911. At the same time the victim could hear other juveniles in the parking lot tell the suspect to get into their car as they needed to leave before the police arrived. On their arrival, Officers located a suspect who admitted at the scene having shot at the victim's vehicle with an air pistol.

After their investigation, a 14 year old juvenile was taken into custody. The incident has been forwarded to the Sherburne County Attorney's Office formal charging. Due to Minnesota Data restrictions, the name of the suspect cannot be released.

This is the second incident in a week, in which Big Lake Police have recovered an air pistol which appeared identical to an actual firearm. Big Lake Police are asking parents to be diligent in working with their teens to ensure these types of items are used in a responsible manner. Due to their appearance, look alike firearms are likely to elicit the same response in regards to fear, or potential use of force in defense, as an actual firearm when displayed in an aggressive manner. Air pistols are also treated as a firearm by state statute, their misuse is likely to result in criminal charges.