

**\*\*MEDIA RELEASE\*\***

## **BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 15-6154**

**Date/Time: 08-19-2015**

### **Suspect Arrested For Methamphetamine Possession**

On August 9, 2015 at 8:35 pm a Big Lake Police Officer was dispatched to the area of the Big Lake Industrial Park regarding 2 suspicious individuals on bicycles. The Officer located the male and female involved on bikes near 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When the Officer tried to make contact with the suspects, the male stopped and the female attempted to peddle away. The Officer was able to get in the path of the female, and force her to stop.

As the Officer began to investigate further what the individuals were doing, he found the female had provided a false name and date of birth. The identity of the female was found to be Nicole L. Berthiaume (Age 24 – Big Lake). Berthiaume was found to have several outstanding arrest warrants, she was placed under arrest. In conducting a search after arrest, the Officer located; drug paraphernalia, hypodermic needles, and a substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Berthiaume was transported to the Sherburne County Jail, she was charged by criminal complaint with the following offenses; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Scheduled Substance (Felony), Possession of Hypodermic Needles (Misdemeanor), and False Name and Date of Birth to an Officer (Misdemeanor).

Berthiaume has a prior conviction for 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime from Anoka County in 2014.

