

News Release



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121 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Date/Time: 12/20/2012

Over the past 48 hours the Big Lake Police Department has initiated 3 criminal investigations which are of public interest:

(12-6844) Felony Assault with Brass Knuckles

On 12/17/2012 6:00 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Taft Avenue on a report a victim had been assaulted with brass knuckles. The 16 year old victim sustained multiple injuries, but declined medical attention. A short time later a 16 year old Big Lake Resident was taken into custody on 2nd Degree Felony Assault Charges, and is currently in custody at the Lino Lakes Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. Both parties knew one another; the incident was not random and is specific to persons who knew one another. In accordance with Minnesota Data Practices restrictions names of those involved are not being released due to age.

(12-6884) Shooting on Monroe Avenue

On 12/19/2012 at 10:21 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Monroe Avenue in regards to gun shots having been fired. On their arrival Officers located several shell casings in the street, and multiple bullet holes in a vehicle parked at a residence. Witnesses describe a dark colored 2 door vehicle fleeing the scene. It has been determined the passenger is the suspect vehicle fired the rounds with a large caliber handgun. There were no injuries related to this incident. This incident is specific to an ongoing situation at this location and not of random nature. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

(12-6888) Verizon Store Burglary

On 12/20/2012 at 4:27 a.m. Officers were dispatched to 726 Martin Avenue on a reported burglary having been discovered. Suspects used a large brick to break a window at the Verizon Store, and gained entry through the front side window opening. Several items were found missing from this business when Officers arrived. There was no active alarm functioning at the time of this incident, the damage was discovered by a citizen. There were multiple Verizon Stores burglarized throughout the region during this morning. Suspects were stopped in another jurisdiction; one person is currently in custody in the Hennepin County Jail pending charges. Big Lake Police Investigators are working in conjunction with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, as well as multiple metro jurisdictions. This investigation is ongoing and more arrests may follow.



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Big Lake Police are asking anyone with information regarding the shooting on Monroe Street or the Verizon Burglary to contact the Big Lake Police Department at 763-263-2500, or submit a crime tip at www.biglakepolice.com.

The Big Lake Police Department reminds business owners to evaluate their alarm systems to ensure that they are active and properly functioning.



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