

News Release



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121 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: N/A

Date/Time: 3/5/2013

Snowmobile – Train Accident

On 03/02/2013 at 12:48 p.m. Big Lake Police Officers were dispatched to the railroad crossing located adjacent to Highway 10 near Lake Shore Drive for a snowmobile versus train collision. The investigation revealed that a snowmobile was in the process of crossing the tracks at a crossing, when it became hung up. The driver who was unable to free the snowmobile, jumped off as a freight train approached. The collision resulted in the snowmobile being a total loss, but no injuries were reported. The crossing involved is a private crossing.

Driver Arrested for Felony Fleeing and DWI After Pursuit

On 03/01/2013 7:32 p.m. Big Lake Police Officer Todd Siebert was parked along Highway 10, near Lakeshore Drive running radar. At this time, Officer Siebert observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed entering the 50 M.P.H. zone eastbound. The vehicle, driven by Alesha Lynn Becklund (Age 31 of Big Lake), was locked on radar at 75 M.P.H. in the 50 M.P.H. zone. Officer Siebert activated his emergency lighting and siren to conduct a traffic stop, but the driver fled, continuing eastbound. Speeds varied from 45 to 80 M.P.H., near Industrial drive, Becklund made a U-Turn on Highway 10 and headed back into the City of Big Lake at similar speeds. Becklund proceeded to the intersection of Lake Street and Highway 10, where she made a right turn, pulling into the parking of 121 Lake Street North. Becklund was taken into custody without incident. Becklund was arrested for; Felony Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, 3rd Degree Test Refusal, 4th Degree DWI Under the Influence, and Driving After Revocation.



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