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## **BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 16-7877**

**Date/Time: 9/1/2016**

### **Methamphetamine Arrest**

On August 24 Officers Guy Chaffee and Chris Hoard were dispatched to an address on Burlwood Circle, to assist an individual with retrieving personal property from this residence. The complainant had gone to this location, where she encountered Travis Rowedder (Age 37- Big Lake) with a shotgun slung over his shoulder. On the Officers arrival, Rowedder set the shotgun down. Officers secured the firearm in a patrol car, at which time Rowedder became agitated. Officers made the observation Rowedder exhibited signs of being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

As the complaint was removing property, Rowedder approached and was observed to be carrying a 12-16 inch knife on his belt. The officers secured this knife, but observed what they believed was a folding knife in his front pocket. The officers explained due to the other weapons already found, Rowedder was going to be pat searched for safety of all present. As officers attempted to pat search secure the folding knife, Rowedder pushed back from them. A struggle ensued at which time Rowedder was taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs.

While on the ground, Rowedder had taken a baggie from his pocket and attempted to empty its contents during the struggle. This substance was later field tested positive for methamphetamine. A second baggie of methamphetamine was also located on Rowedder. The item observed in Rowedder's pocket believed to be a folding knife, was in fact brass knuckles. Rowedder was placed under arrest, and transported to the Sherburne County Jail.

Rowedder was charged by criminal complaint with; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony), Obstructing Legal Process (Misdemeanor), and Dangerous Weapons Possession (Misdemeanor).