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## **BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 16-4544**

**Date/Time: 05-26-2016**

### **Suspects Arrested Passing Fraudulent Checks and Narcotics Possession**

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at 2:35 pm Big Lake Police Officers Cindy Finch and Sam Norlin were dispatched to Coborns in regards to an individual at the courtesy counter attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Coborns had been alerted from stores in the St. Cloud Area to be on the watch for this individual, identified as Kassandra Wilson (Age 35-St. Cloud) who has been cashing fraudulent checks. On Officer Norlin's arrival on the scene, Wilson was still at the courtesy counter. Wilson and the \$877 fraudulent check were both taken into custody at this time.

Wilson attempted to provide a false name and date of birth to Officer Norlin. Officer Norlin located the vehicle Wilson arrived in, it was driven by Samuel Raymond Schaffer (Age 24-Maple Lake). In the rear seat, Wilson's purse was located, along with her identification which was used to identify her. After running a check on Wilson, she was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant in Stearns County. Also located in Wilson's purse was a small baggie containing a substance which later field tested positive for methamphetamine.

A search of the vehicle also turned up a black case, which was found to belong to Schaffer. In the case was a small baggie with a substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Also located during the search of the vehicle were the identities of 4 other individuals, in addition to other fraudulent checks. It was also determined the vehicle involved, had just been purchased from an individual in St. Cloud with a fraudulent check under one of the false names. The vehicle was taken into police custody and will be returned to its owner.

Wilson and Schaffer were arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. The following charges were filed;

Samuel Schaffer; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony)

Kassandra Wilson; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony), Fraudulent Check (Felony), and False Name/Date of Birth to Officer (Gross Misdemeanor).