

Big Lake Police Department

# News Release



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121 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 12-5929**

**Date/Time: 5/9/2013**

## **Charges Filed in 11/04/2012 Tire Slashings**

Members of the Big Lake Police Department responded to multiple complaints on November 4<sup>th</sup> of 2012 regarding vehicle tires having been slashed, a total of 14 vehicles. One of the vehicles had blood left behind on it, from the suspect who apparently cut himself during this incident. Also left at one of the scenes of vandalism, was a flashlight and cigarette butt.

A suspect was developed through this investigation, during which time a DNA sample was taken during an interview. A positive match was made by the Forensic Lab of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Robert Joseph Abts – Age 19 – Big Lake, has been charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Criminal Damage to Property as a result of this investigation. Estimates have been received for all property damaged, and requests will be made for full restitution of all victims of this incident.



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