

News Release



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121 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 1300004300

Date/Time: 7/23/2013 11:00a.m.

Armed Robbery – Tootsies Tavern

On July 22 at about 5:30 p.m. Big Lake Police Officers were dispatched to Tootsies Tavern at 110 Jefferson Boulevard regarding an armed robbery having just occurred. Radio traffic provided to the responding Officers indicated that a male suspect with a possible firearm was involved. A suspect and vehicle description were provided to the Officers.

A Big Lake Police Officer observed the vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 25 towards Monticello. A short time later, a Big Lake Officer located the suspect stopped at a red light on Highway 25 at Broadway in Monticello. The Officer kept a distance, and was waiting for back up to arrive when the suspect made an abrupt left turn through traffic and rapidly accelerated eastbound on Broadway. The Big Lake Officer activated his emergency lights and siren, and attempted to stop the suspect. The suspect continued to flee eastbound on Broadway, colliding with another vehicle a short time later.

This release contains very preliminary information, the investigation regarding the robbery is ongoing at this time, charging of the suspect in relation to the Big Lake incident will occur in the near future and an updated release will be disseminated at that time. There were no injuries at the scene of the robbery.

The collision is being investigated by the Minnesota State Patrol, all questions related to the collision investigation will be referred to Minnesota State Patrol Public Information Officer:

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No further information is available at this time.

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