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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: Multiple

Date/Time: 12/8/2015

Update Mail Thefts and Garage Burglaries

Garage Burglaries: During the early morning hours of November 25th, unknown individual(s) entered 4 residential garages in the areas of the 600 block of Park Avenue, and 1100 block Powell Street. The individual(s) stole several items including power tools, and items from vehicles parked in the garages. On December 3rd, St. Cloud Police arrested 2 individuals in connection with burglaries taking place in their community. During the course of the investigation, one individual admitted to responsibility for the burglaries which occurred in Big Lake on November 25th. Charges will be forthcoming for the 2 individuals responsible for the Big Lake incidents.

Mail Theft: In July of this year, Big Lake and surrounding communities experienced several instances of theft of mail. The cases associated covered an area from St. Cloud to Anoka. Two individuals have been charged with the associated cases in the City of Big Lake. Melanie Quick (Age 20 – Willmar) was charged by criminal complaint with; Theft of Mail (Felony), and Forgery-Altering a Check (Felony), Fraud (Felony), and Impersonating Another with Intent to Defraud (Felony). Quick's charges stem from theft of mail, and subsequent forgery in passing stolen checks and credit cards. Khanh Van Nguyen (Age 19 – St. Cloud) was charged by criminal complaint with; Theft of Mail (Felony), and Forgery-Altering a Check (Felony). Nguyen's charges stemmed from his theft of checks he found in mailboxes, and subsequent altering and attempting to pass them.

The City of Big Lake continues to see a trend of individuals not residing in our community, but rather passing through with the intent to commit criminal activity. Big Lake Police continue to ask our residents to be diligent about reporting suspicious activity, especially through the holidays.