

**\*\*MEDIA RELEASE\*\***

## **BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 15-6932**

**Date/Time: 09-10-2015**

### **Suspect Arrested For Controlled Substance Possession**

On September 4 at 11:55 p.m., Officer Sam Norlin was working a shift dedicated to removing impaired drivers in the City of Big Lake. At that time, Officer Norlin observed a vehicle driving with one tire over the side stipe of the lane which caused a traffic stop to be initiated. The driver, Joshua Daniels (Age 20-Monticello) failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. During the course of a search of Daniels vehicle, a rolled up dollar bill was located with narcotic residue on it. Also located were 3 pills of Xanax, a Schedule IV Controlled Substance which Daniels did not have a prescription for. Daniels admitted to Officers that he had "snorted" Xanax prior to the stop. Also located in the vehicle was an open can of beer, and marijuana.

Daniels was transported to the Sherburne County Jail, he is charged by criminal complaint with: 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, and Underage Drinking a Driving. A charge of Driving Under the Influence will be pending lab test results on a blood sample taken from Daniels.

***Driving while under the influence of narcotics is a growing problem in our region. Officer Norlin has been accepted into the Drug Recognition Expert Program. Officer Norlin will undertake 2 weeks of classroom training in White Bear Lake, and a week of practical examinations in California beginning in late September. This program is funded by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, upon graduation will certify Officer Norlin as a Drug Recognition Expert.***