



****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 18-2571

Date/Time: 4/11/2018

Suspect Arrested Possessing 13 Grams of Meth

On April 6 at about 1:00 am, Officer Tom Kucala observed a vehicle driven by Orpheus O. Hicks (Age 50 – Big Lake) exceeding the speed limit on Lake Street South. Officer Kucala initiated a traffic stop with Hicks on Lee Street for the speeding violation.

Officer Kucala observed a marijuana pipe on the passenger seat, along with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Officer Tyler Sinclair, and Sergeant Matt Hayen arrived to assist with the traffic stop. Hicks was instructed to exit the vehicle for a search to take place. As Hicks stepped out, Officers observed that he was holding a rolled-up Crown Royal Bag. Sergeant Hayen removed the bag from Hicks hand, and discovered 8 baggies of a crystal substance later confirmed through field testing as methamphetamine. The total weight of the methamphetamine recovered was 13 grams.

Hicks was arrested for controlled substance crime and booked into the Sherburne County Jail. Hicks was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony 3rd Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Methamphetamine).