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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 18-6322

Date/Time: 10/25/2018

Suspect Charged with Possessing Morphine

On July 24 at 1:00 am, Officer Guy Chaffee observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Big Lake Mini Storage. The vehicle Officer Chaffee observed was driving without headlights on, this area has been a frequent location of storage shed burglaries. Officer Chaffee, along with Corporal Joe Kalla approached the vehicle on foot. While speaking to 4 individuals present, a large bag of white power substance was found adjacent to a suspect identified as Christopher Adam Gerou (Age 32 – No Address). While questioning Gerou, he refused to identify himself or provide any identification. In a search of Gerou's vehicle, a vial of fluid was located with suspected narcotics in it. The white power substance located field tested positive for methamphetamine. Gerou was placed under arrest, he was positively identified by fingerprints at the Sherburne County Jail as the listed suspect. Investigator Rich Berg executed a search warrant on Gerou for a DNA sample prior to Gerou being release pending further investigation. A DNA analysis of the vial for comparison to his DNA would be utilized to establish possession, and confirmation of what the substance was present.

In October, DNA results were returned from the Tri-County Lab in Anoka, giving a positive match to the DNA recovered on the vial, to Gerou's own DNA sample. The laboratory analysis also confirmed the substance in the vial was morphine, and in the bag methamphetamine. Gerou was charged by criminal complaint with felony; 3rd Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Morphine), and 3rd Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Methamphetamine – More than 10 grams).

