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Press Release

SUSPECT ARRESTED FOLLOWING DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN A RESIDENCE

Incident Number: 20000891

Date: January 24, 2020

On January 18, 2020 at 7:21 pm Investigator Nic Prigge and Officer Tyler Hecht were dispatched to the 18000 block of Helen Way on a report of gun shots fired within a residence. The caller stated the suspect, identified as Andrew W. Kruck (Age 33 – Big Lake) had discharged a handgun within the residence.

When Investigator Prigge and Officer Hecht arrived, they interviewed the caller and learned there were a total of 4 four people in the residence, including Kruck. The caller stated that after the rounds were hear being discharged, she went to Kruck's room and observed two bullet holes in the ceiling, and a handgun laying on the bed. The three occupants of the residence were safely removed from the house. Investigator Prigge then established contact with Kruck by phone, eventually convincing him to come outside the residence and surrender.

During an interview with Kruck, Investigator Prigge learned that he had fired the handgun in regard to a dispute with others in the residence. Kruck refused to allow Investigator Prigge access to his bedroom. Investigator Prigge obtained a search warrant, at which time he entered the residence, recovering a .45 caliber handgun and photographing the bullet holes in the ceiling.

Andrew Kruck was charged by criminal complaint in Sherburne County District Court with; Intentional Discharge of a Firearm – Endangering Safety (felony), and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm in a Municipality (felony).

The residence where this occurred has generated an abnormal amount of calls for service. Big Lake Police and the City of Big Lake issued an order to revoke the property owners rental license in November. The property owners agreed to initiate eviction proceedings on the occupants, according the settlement reached in District Court the occupants are to vacate the property by January 31. An early surrender of the property is being undertaken. The City of Big Lake has a robust ordinance which allows the revocation of a rental license for cause.