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Press Release

Incident Numbers: 19014155

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Suspect Charged with Reckless Discharge of a Firearm

On 11/16/2019 at approximately 9:52pm Big Lake Officers were dispatched to a disturbance near Tootsie's Tavern. It was reported several people were outside arguing. During the argument, an individual ran up to the others shouting and firing several shots into the air. Cell phone video was taken from across the street. Officers located (3) 9mm casings on the ground in the area the altercation took place.

Investigator Berg spoke with several individuals involved in the argument who ultimately identified the shooter as Edward Loatwall (Age 37 – Big Lake, MN).

Video surveillance from Tootsie's showed the witnesses going outside the bar and an argument taking place. A male wearing a hoodie and orange hat exited the bar and walked in the direction of the altercation. Witnesses told investigators the male in the hoodie and hat was Loatwall.

Investigator Berg spoke with Loatwall who acknowledged being at the bar and being the person in the hoodie and orange hat but denied shooting. He also acknowledged he was not supposed to have or be around firearms. Loatwall admitted witnessing the altercation but denied any other involvement.

Loatwall was charged by criminal complaint with; Reckless Discharge of a Firearm (Felony).