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**BIG LAKE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 17-2493

Date/Time: 3/21/2017

**Suspect Arrested on Multiple Charges - Including
Damaging a BLPD Patrol Car**

(This case exemplifies why we wear body cameras!)

On March 16, 2017 at 6:40 pm Big Lake Police Officers Sam Norlin, Brian Rogge, and Sam Johnston were dispatched to a report of a male suspect who had assaulted a female at an apartment building on Fern Street. On their arrival, the officers learned that the suspect, Shane Aust (Age 18-Big Lake), had punched a female in the face hard enough to knock her to the ground, then struck her again. When an attempt was made to call 911, Aust took the phone and threw it, terminating the emergency phone call. Another bystander then called 911 for police assistance, at which time Aust fled the scene.

Officers located Aust hiding under a vehicle in an adjacent parking lot. Aust was placed under arrest, and while being walked to a patrol car, Aust tried to kick officers, screamed profanities, and resisted officers efforts to control him. When they reached the patrol car, Aust slammed his head several times into the rear drivers side quarter panel, damaging it. Once placed inside the patrol car, Aust began trying to spit on the officers. While being booked into the Sherburne County Jail, Aust attempted to report that officers had assaulted him, unfortunately for Mr. Aust his entire performance was captured on body cameras worn by officers.

Aust was charged by criminal complaint with; 2 Counts of Domestic Assault (Felony), Violation of an Order for Protection (Felony), Interrupting an Emergency 911 Call (Gross Misdemeanor), Obstruting a Police Officer (Gross Misdemeanor), and 4th Degree Criminal Damage to Property (Misdemeanor). Aust is currently in custody in the Sherburne County Jail.