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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 17-3830

Date/Time: 4/26/2017

Recent Fire Being Investigated as Arson Case

On April 20th 2017, at about 4:00 am Officer Joe Kalla was on routine patrol in the area of the Big Lake Estates Mobile Home Court. Officer Kalla was observing a driver in the court which he found to be acting suspiciously. At 4:18 am a fire was reported in the 300 block of Monroe St, the same area in which Officer Kalla had observed the suspicious driver earlier.

On Officer Kalla's arrival at the fire scene, he found the mobile home to be mostly engulfed in flames. Officer Kalla worked diligently to ensure the home on fire was unoccupied, and to evacuate adjacent homes prior to the Big Lake Fire Department arriving on the scene. The fire was extinguished by the Big Lake Fire Department.

A Fire Marshall from the State of Minnesota Fire Marshall's Office was requested to come to the scene. The Fire Marshal in conjunction with Investigator Rich Berg of the Big Lake Police Department are investigating this incident as an arson. At the time this incident took place, the homeowner was out of town and is in no way a suspect in this investigation.

Big Lake Police are asking anyone with information to contact Investigator Rich Berg at; 763-251-2987.

