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**BIG LAKE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



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790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number: 17-5776**

**Date/Time: 6/27/2017**

**Suspect Arrested for Possessing “Gummy Marijuana”**

On June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:23 pm Sergeant Matt Hayen was on patrol when he ran a routine vehicle license plate check. The check on this vehicle returned information that the registered owner, Austen H. Mitchell (Age 23 – Lakeville MN) had an outstanding felony arrest warrant for controlled substance crime. Sergeant Hayen initiated a traffic stop on this vehicle, and verified the driver was in fact Mitchell.

Mitchell was placed under arrest for his felony warrant. During a search of Mitchell’s vehicle, a baggie containing 37 grams of a green gummy substance was located. The gummy substance was field tested and found positive for THC. The gummy substance is a highly-purified form of marijuana, classified as a scheduled narcotic, possession of which is a felony. Mitchell was arrested booked into the Sherburne County Jail on his arrest warrant, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Mitchell was charged by criminal complaint with; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Possession (felony).