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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: 17-6679

Date/Time: 7/18/2017

Narcotics Arrest Courtesy of Bruno

On July 12th at about 11:00 pm, Officer Jarid Schmidt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Eagle Lake Road North, the driver was operating without headlights on. Officer Schmidt spoke to the driver and only occupant of the vehicle, identified as Salina Nelson-Jaquez (Age 18 – Monticello). In speaking with Nelson-Jaquez, Officer Schmidt noticed that she was nervous, and shaking while speaking to him. Officer Schmidt also noticed a butane torch on the passenger side floor, an item commonly used to smoke methamphetamine.

Officer Schmidt requested Sergeant Hayen and Canine Bruno to conduct a dog sniff of the exterior of the vehicle for potential narcotics. Canine Bruno alerted on the vehicle indicating the odor of narcotics. A search was conducted during which time a white powdery substance was located. The substance recovered field tested positive for methamphetamine. A search of Nelson-Jaquez's purse also yielded 8 pills of Clonazepam in a zip lock baggie. Clonazepam is a Schedule IV Controlled Substance.

Nelson-Jaquez was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Nelson-Jaquez was charged by criminal complaint with; 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony), 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Gross Misdemeanor).