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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: 17-6040**

**Date/Time: 8/23/2017**

## **Suspect Charged in ENL Gas Station Burglary**

On June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10:30 am Big Lake Police Officers were dispatched to the ENL Gas Station in Big Lake in regards to a reported burglary. During the course of their initial investigation, Officers were provided information that the suspect was on surveillance video. Additionally, it was determined that lottery tickets, clothing, and cigarettes were seen being taken by the suspect throughout the store. It was estimated that 100 packs of cigarettes were missing. From the surveillance video, it was determined that the burglary had occurred the same date, at about 02:30am. The video obtained also contained a very strong image of the suspect and his clothing.

Investigator Rich Berg obtained the list of stolen lottery ticket numbers, and provided them to an Investigator with the Minnesota Lottery. Through checking the lottery ticket numbers, it was determined that some of the tickets had been cashed in Zimmerman, Elk River, Monticello, and Big Lake. Surveillance video was obtained of the person cashing the tickets, the suspect was positively identified as; Ryan Gunion (Age 31 – Big Lake). A search warrant was executed on Gunion's home, where more evidence was obtained related to the burglary.

Gunion was charged by criminal complaint on August 23, with; 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary (Felony), and Theft (Gross Misdemeanor).