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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: 17-6790**

**Date/Time: 10/03/2017**

### **Methamphetamine Arrest**

On July 15, 2017 at 1:20 pm Officer Jarid Schmidt was on patrol when he conducted a random license plate inquiry on a vehicle he observed. The information returned from the query indicated the registered owner, Leland Siegel (Age 47 – Little Falls), had an outstanding felony arrest warrant. The driver Officer Schmidt observed, matched the physical description on the warrant information. As Officer Schmidt attempted to catch up to the vehicle, Siegel quickly parked and walked away from the vehicle. Officer Schmidt located Siegel in an adjacent yard, taking him into custody on the felony arrest warrant.

After the arrest occurred, Officer Schmidt looked into Siegel's vehicle, observing a clear glass pipe with white residue in it. From his experience, Officer Schmidt knew this pipe was consistent with those use to smoke methamphetamine. A search of Siegel's vehicle revealed a baggie of white crystalized substance weighing 5.7 grams, which field tested positive for methamphetamine. The baggie containing suspected methamphetamine was found in a briefcase along with several other items bearing Siegel's name. DNA testing was also conducted on the baggie to determine who had touched it.

Seigel was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Siegel was charged by criminal complaint with; 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Crime (Felony).