



Big Lake Police Department

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Press Release

Incident Numbers: 20006825

Date/Time: 06/08/2020 9:15am

Suspect Arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine

On 05/29/2020 Officer Guy Chaffee observed a vehicle traveling with inoperable taillights. Officer Chaffee initiated a traffic stop and spoke to the driver, Stephen Von Ruden (Age 31 – Brainerd, MN). Officer Chaffee learned Von Ruden's drivers license was revoked.

While speaking to Von Ruden, Officer Chaffee detected the odor of marijuana coming from the inside of the vehicle. Von Ruden admitted he had been smoking marijuana and he had marijuana in a grinder in the vehicle.

Officer Chaffee and his K9 partner, Burno, conducted a sniff of the vehicle. Bruno alerted on the vehicle indicating the presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of an ear bud case containing a white crystal substance. The substance field-tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 2 grams.

A further search resulted in the discovery of a black shaving kit case containing glass pipes used to consume methamphetamine and a container with a liquid substance inside. The substance field-tested positive for the presences of methamphetamine and weighed 22.9 grams.

Von Ruden provided a Mirandized statement in which he admitted the liquid was methamphetamine.

Von Ruden was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Von Ruden was charged by criminal complaint with; (2) Counts Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance.