



Big Lake Police Department

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Press Release

Incident Numbers: 20007996

Date/Time: 06/29/2020 9:45am

Suspect Arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine

On 06/24/2020 at approximately 12:29am Officer Tyler Hecht stopped a vehicle for having a broken rear taillight. Officer Hecht made contact with the male driver and female passenger, Ashley Benson (Age 32 – Eden Prairie, MN). The vehicle was registered to Benson. Officer Hecht could smell the odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the vehicle and observed a torch lighter in the backseat area, behind the center console.

Benson stated the male was driving because she had a revoked drivers license, and they were coming back from the cities. Benson stated the vehicle had been in storage for the last six months and they were on their way to sell it. Benson showed several signs of nervousness while speaking to Officer Hecht and became more nervous when asked if anything illegal was in the vehicle.

The vehicle was searched. A black case was found in the glove box on the passenger side. Inside the black case was a zip lock baggie with a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed .3 grams. Also found in the black case was a glass pipe with burnt residue and a rubber hose coming off the end of it.

Benson was arrested and booked into the Sherburne County jail. Benson was charged by Criminal Complaint with; Felony 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.