



****MEDIA RELEASE****

BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



790 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake MN, 55309

Incident Number: **17-10080**
 17-10082

Date/Time: 10/19/2017

Stolen Auto's

On October 17 at 12:40 am, Sergeant Guy Chaffee was on routine patrol in Lakeside Park when he observed a 2001 Nissan Pathfinder parked, unattended. As Sergeant Chaffee looked closer, he observed what appeared to be the contents of the vehicle scattered on the ground. In running the registration on the vehicle, it was determined the vehicle had been stolen in Minneapolis three hours prior. The information provided by Minneapolis Police, was that the suspect(s) had stolen the vehicle from its owner at gunpoint "carjacked." There was a description provided of 3 Somali males, with one in all dark clothing brandishing a shotgun. The suspects were seen placing firearms into the rear seat of the Pathfinder and leaving the area. Officers reviewed video recordings from Lakeside Park. The Pathfinder was seen entering the park, along with what was identified as a Chevrolet HHR at 11:17 pm (10-16). The males driving the Pathfinder were seen entering the HHR, and leaving the area. The 2011 HHR was reported stolen from Lake Street North in Big Lake at 6:00 am, and was recovered in the City of Minneapolis later the same day heavily damaged.

Big Lake and Minneapolis Police are working these cases jointly. Anyone who may have seen suspicious activity related to these incidents or vehicles are asked to contact Investigator Rich Berg at 763-251-2987.

