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**VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THEFT AND MONEY  
LAUNDERING ARREST**

**FOX LAKE, IL (JUNE 2020)** Fox Lake, IL - The Fox Lake Police Department is announcing the arrest today of Michele L. Kirk a.k.a. Michele L. Fitte, a 50 year old female Twin Lakes, WI resident on the following charges:

1. Theft (720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(1)(A) Class X Felony)
  2. Theft (720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(2)(A) Class X Felony)
  3. Money Laundering (720 ILCS 5/29B-1(a)(1)(A) Class 1 Felony)
  4. Money Laundering (720 ILCS 5/29B-1(a)(1)(B)(i) Class 1 Felony)
  5. Money Laundering (720 ILCS 5/29B-1(a)(1)(B)(ii) Class 1 Felony)
- (Counts 3-5 are non-probationable)

The charges are stemming from an investigation initiated on October 28, 2019, by the Fox Lake Police Department. Kirk (Fitte), employed as a property manager of Vacation Village Home Owner's Association, is alleged to have exerted unauthorized control over and money laundering of funds/property belonging to the association in excess of 1,000,000.00.

An arrest warrant was issued on June 25, 2020, and she was taken into custody a short time later. Her bond amount was set at \$250,000.00. She was transported to the Lake County Jail to await a bond hearing. During the extensive 8 month investigation, the Fox Lake Police Department was assisted by the Lake County State's Attorney, Illinois Department of Revenue and Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

For further information contact Chief Jimmy Lee at (847) 587-3961.

**About the Village of Fox Lake:** The Village of Fox Lake (population 10,700) is located 55 miles northwest of downtown Chicago and 20 miles west of Waukegan, Illinois. Fox Lake is located in Lake and McHenry counties. The Village is located on the South Shore of Pistakee Lake, Nippersink Lake, and Fox Lake, three connected water bodies that form part of the Chain O'Lakes system.

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