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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Multiple vehicle collisions

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From: Sgt. Hatch

Case or Incident # 2007-007575

Summary: On 03-09-07 at about 1500 hours, the Juneau Police Dept. responded to a report of several vehicle collisions on Egan Drive, outbound near the Vanderbilt Hill intersection. Subsequent investigation showed an unknown vehicle had driven between two vehicles traveling Egan outbound causing a 1991 Subaru Legacy to swerve and collide with a guard rail, which then caused it to spin in front of a 2000 Ford Explorer. The Subaru was totaled and the Explorer sustained about \$1,500 in damage. The first vehicle was not located.

Due to vehicles going too fast to be able to stop on the ice-packed road, two other separate collisions occurred. A 2000 Chevrolet Astro van was unable to stop and collided with a 2006 Toyota that was stopped for the accident involving the Subaru and Ford Explorer. The Astro collided with the Toyota causing about \$5,000 damage to the Toyota and about \$500 damage to the Astro. The driver of the Astro was cited for Careless Driving.

The third collision involved a 2006 Ford sedan which had slowed for the accidents ahead. The Ford was struck from the rear by a 1989 Ford Ranger. Damage to the sedan was estimated at \$1,500; damage to the Ranger was about \$250. The driver of the Ford Ranger was cited for Careless Driving.

Various other vehicles were unable to stop for traffic and drove into the median, however, were able to free themselves. A passenger in the Chevy Astro van was taken by private party to Bartlett Regional Hospital for evaluation of minor injuries.

Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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