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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Vehicle Arson

Date: 03-25-2007

From: Officer Tom Bates

Case or Incident # 2007-009415

Summary:

On 03-25-2007, at 10:35am the Juneau Police Department received a report of a 2000 GMC pickup parked in a downtown parking lot that had apparently been rifled and then set on fire.

Investigation revealed the fire was started in the center of the truck's dash. The truck's interior received heavy fire and smoke damage. The exterior was not damaged as the fire which was confined to the closed interior extinguished itself before spreading. Another vehicle in the same lot was also rifled but was not damaged.

The Fire Marshall's office was contacted and is assisting in the investigation. The fire appears to have been intentionally set. Investigation continuing.

Damage to the burned truck is estimated at \$12,000.

Anyone with information pertaining to this vehicle fire is encouraged to contact the Juneau Police Department or Crime line.

***** UPDATE *****

On 03-25-07, at 3:46 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a call reporting another vehicle, a 1995 Jeep Cherokee had been found burnt at a downtown parking lot.

Investigation revealed this second vehicle had been rifled and intentionally set on fire as in the first reported incident. The fire Marshall's office was again contacted and responded to assist in the investigation. The burnt vehicle was a total loss.

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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