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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Officer Involved Shooting

Date: 08/10/2007

From: Sgt David Campbell

Case or Incident #: 2007-027809

Summary:

On 08/10/2007, at approximately 7:31 pm, the Juneau Police Department received multiple 911 calls concerning an assault between a male and a female. The witnesses reported that a male was holding a knife to a woman's throat. The incident occurred on a street in the Thunder Mountain Trailer Park. Before officers arrived on scene the male fled the area on foot.

A JPD officer located the male in a wooded area near the end of Valley Blvd. When located the male was in possession of a samurai style sword. The male held the sword in a threatening manner, refused to drop the sword after being repeatedly ordered to do so, screamed at the officer to shoot him, and walked toward the officer. The officer backed away from the male suspect until he was not able to back away any further. The suspect continued to scream and advance on the officer. The officer then shot the male suspect three times in the chest.

The officer performed CPR until an ambulance crew arrived and took over. The male suspect was ultimately declared dead at the scene.

Next of kin for the male suspect have not yet been notified. The suspect will not be identified until the notification occurs.

Pursuant to JPD policy the incident is under investigation. The officer has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. The name of the officer is not being released.

Investigation continues.

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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