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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Shooting

Date: 12-10-08

From: Cindee Brown-Mills

Case or Incident: 081210-014

Summary:

Update 12-12-08

The 15-year-old boy who shot the gun has been charged with Manslaughter and Assault in the 1st Degree. Both charges are Class A Felonies. He is being lodged at Johnson Youth Center.

Update 12-11-08

The deceased boy has been identified as 14-year-old Aidan Neary.

On 12-10-08, at 3:06pm, a 15-year-old boy called the Juneau Police Department to report another 15-year-old boy had accidentally shot two other teenage boys at a Mendenhall Valley home.

The initial investigation revealed that five (5) teenage boys had removed several guns from a locked cabinet in the home. They began playing a game with the guns, which resulted in the 15-year-old boy shooting two other boys. One 14-year-old boy was standing at the time and was shot through the torso. The bullet passed through the first boy and struck another 14-year-old boy in the back who was sitting on a kitchen stool. No adults were in the home at the time of the incident.

Capital City Fire and Rescue transported both injured boys to Bartlett Hospital where one of the boys later died. His next of kin have been notified. The second boy is in stable condition and being air lifted out of town.

All five (5) boys are Juneau Douglas High School students.

The 15-year old who shot the gun was interviewed and released to his parents. The investigation is continuing. Updates will be released as they become available.

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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