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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Person in the water

Date: Tuesday, October 09, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident # 2007-035545/035572

Summary:

On 10/09/07, at approximately 5:20 pm, Officers from the Juneau Police Department responded to Marine Park in the downtown area. Officers had been approached by several people who stated that someone had fallen off the docks and into the water. They further stated that the person was possibly drowning. JPD Officers and Coast Guard Personnel from USCG Station Juneau, using a rescue boat searched the area of the docks and the tideline from the area of the Coast Guard Subport, south to the Princess Dock. No one in distress was located. A CG helicopter from Air Station Sitka was also dispatched to the area to assist in the search.

After conducting interviews with all the subjects in Marine Park, JPD Officers determined that only one person out of the many who were initially found to be calling for police help had actually heard what he later said was “someone yelling for help from under the docks”. The other subjects were just reacting to what he was saying. When questioned further, the subject retracted his original statement and was unsure as to what he had actually heard other than a person yelling from under the docks. It was also determined that all the subjects were at some level of intoxication.

No one in distress was located in the area and the search by Coast Guard personnel and JPD Officers was later terminated.

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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