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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Boat Theft

Date: 11-24-2007

From: Sgt. Tom Bates

Case or Incident # 2007-040580

Summary:

On 11-24-2007 at 10:18 A.M. the Juneau Police Department received a report of a stolen commercial fishing boat from the Auke Bay area. The boat's owner said the 40 foot "Julie Marie" valued at over \$90,000 had been tied to its mooring in Fritz Cove before being discovered missing. It was thought it may have broken loose in high winds but further investigation revealed the nylon rope securing it had been deliberately cut. Along with the Juneau Police Department, the United States Coast Guard was also notified of the missing boat.

At 1209 P.M. the boat was discovered in the channel by the Juneau Yacht Club. A Coast Guard vessel was dispatched, and Coast Guard personnel boarded the boat where they found 41 year old Juneau resident Kenneth Lemieux. Lemieux claimed the boat was his. He was detained by the Coast Guard and taken to the Yacht Club dock where he was subsequently arrested by officers of the Juneau Police Department.

Lemieux is charged with one count of Theft in 1st Degree a Class B felony and one count of Vehicle Theft a Class C felony.

He was lodged at the state prison without bail.

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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