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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: DV Assault/Strangulation **Date: Friday, December 28, 2007**

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez **Case or Incident #2007-044190**

Summary:

On 12/28/07, at approximately 2:00 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a female who had been assaulted by a male acquaintance. The location where the incident had taken place was in an apartment complex in the Mendenhall Valley.

Officers contacted and spoke with an adult female who appeared to have fresh bruises and cuts about her face and body. The female told officers that Rafael LOPEZ, a 32-year-old local male, had physically assaulted her over a period of time. She stated that at one point, he had strangled her by placing his hands over her throat and restricted her airway. She said she never lost consciousness during the incident.

Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel responded to the scene and later transported the female to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for a medical evaluation.

LOPEZ was later contacted at another residence and interviewed. He was subsequently placed under arrest for Assault in the Third Degree (C Felony) and Assault in the Fourth Degree (A Misdemeanor). The third degree assault concerned the strangulation. He was lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center.

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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