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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Felony Assault/Knife

Date: Friday, December 28, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident #2007-044204

Summary:

On 12/28/07, at approximately 3:47 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report from a security guard at the Nugget Mall reporting a fight involving two males. The security guard further reported that one of the males had threatened the other with a knife.

Officers met with the security guard and the victim, a 50-year-old local male. The male who had allegedly brandished the knife had fled prior to officer's arrival.

Through interviews, officers determined that the victim had been in the Men's bathroom at the mall. The suspect had entered and exchanged words with the victim. The suspect then took hold of the victim, held him against the wall, and brandished a knife. The victim said the suspect slashed at him with the knife, but he was able to fend off the blows and was not injured.

The security guard, hearing the disturbance entered the bathroom and saw the suspect threatening the victim with the knife. The guard placed himself between the victim and suspect, stopping the attack. The suspect then left the area on foot.

Neither the victim nor the security guard were acquainted with or recognized the suspect. They described the suspect as being a native male adult, 5'5", approximately 195 lbs, short graying hair. He was wearing a red and black checkered jacket and a green undershirt.

Officers were unable to locate a male matching that description. The incident remains under investigation.

Citizens who have information on this incident are encouraged to call the JPD at 586-0600.

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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