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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Vehicle Fire/Injury**

**Date: 01-04-08**

**From: Sgt. Hatch**

**Case or Incident # 2008-000448**

**Summary: On 01-04-08 at about 11:19 p.m., the Juneau Police Department and Capital City Fire Rescue responded to the 500 block of South Franklin on the up hill side of the roadway for the report of a van that was on fire.**

**On arrival, the 1973 Dodge van was fully engulfed in flames. EMS tended to the owner, a 55 year old local man, who was inside the van and suffered smoke inhalation and burns to his legs. Through interviews and investigation it was determined that a propane heater was being used for heat near combustible material when the material caught fire. The male was unable to exit the van, yelled for help and was pulled from the van by the two Samaritans who used snow to extinguish the flames on his legs.**

**The owner of the van was taken by ambulance to Bartlett Regional Hospital for treatment. One of the Samaritans was also transported for cautionary evaluation due to smoke inhalation.**

**Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

**\*\*\* END OF STATEMENT \*\*\***

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