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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Burglary/Forgery**

**Date: 2-4-08**

**From: Lieutenant Kris Sell**

**Case or Incident #: 2007-044548**

### Summary:

A Juneau woman, 32 year old Roberta Jean WHITE, has been arrested for her involvement with a ring of people who stole checks and other property then cashed or tried to cash the stolen checks.

An investigation by the Juneau Police Department (JPD) found that WHITE, possibly with an accomplice, broke into a Mendenhall Valley home on or before New Year's Eve. The residents returned and found checks, artwork, jewelry, and other property gone.

On 1-3-08, Heather SCHIMANSKI tried to cash one of the checks stolen from the residence at Fred Meyer. She fled the area when an employee called the police but she was found a short time later and arrested. SCHIMANSKI also was involved with cashing payroll checks in November and December that were stolen from a downtown business (See JPD News Release on Case #2007-039360). About ten checks from the residential burglary in December were cashed at various businesses and banks where employees did not check the identification of the person cashing the check.

A search warrant was executed on WHITE's residence in the Valley on 1-7-08. Property from the residential burglary was found along with evidence linking WHITE to a burglary of a Valley business. That burglary is still under investigation. JPD investigators also found, in WHITE's residence, mail taken from Valley mailboxes. Some of the outgoing mail contained checks and incoming mail contained credit card applications and credit card information. Investigators recovered mail linked to about thirty Valley residents.

WHITE, the person linked to the residential burglary, was indicted by a Grand Jury on 1-18-08 and a \$10,000 warrant was put out for her arrest.

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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**On 1-28-08, JPD Officers received information about WHITE's location. Officers watched a residence associated with WHITE while Investigators applied for a search warrant. Officers forced entry into a home in the Valley and arrested WHITE without incident. WHITE was lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center on a charge of burglary in the first degree, a B felony, and multiple counts of forgery.**

**This investigation is extensive and more accomplices are being sought for burglaries and forgeries. Additional charges may be filed on those already in custody.**

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