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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Assault 3rd Degree (2 Counts), DWI, Reckless Endangerment (3 Counts),

Date: March 2, 2008

From: Sgt Erickson

Case or Incident # 080301-021

Summary:

On March 1, 2008 at about 938 PM, the Juneau Police Department received a report of an intoxicated driver leaving the downtown area driving outbound on Egan Drive. The vehicle was described as a Red Truck. Additional reports were received as the vehicle continued outbound on Egan that the driver almost ran a vehicle off the road, crashed into the retaining wall, and crashed into another car.

Juneau Police attempted to catch the vehicle which was traveling at a high rate of speed. Officers were finally able to stop the damaged vehicle outbound Egan drive at the Vanderbilt Intersection. The vehicle, a 2006 Chevy Truck, was found to have extensive damage to the front end and was totaled. The driver, 26 year old Juneau Resident Tara STUART, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

Investigation revealed that STUART left a downtown bar and drove outbound on Egan Drive. STUART cut off and almost hit a 35 year old Juneau resident and her 2 children driving in their truck. After almost hitting the woman and her children, STUART continued outbound to the retaining wall. Witnesses reported seeing the vehicle drive up on the snow bank and impact the retaining wall, almost overturning.

STUART continued outbound and then struck another car outbound at Twin Lakes leaving the vehicle damaged and disabled in the roadway. The 43 year old driver and passenger of this vehicle were both injured. After hitting this car, STUART continued driving and was finally stopped by police at Vanderbilt Hill Road.

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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STUART was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated at the scene. STUART'S vehicle was totaled and was towed. STUART was later charged with Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test a Class a Misdemeanor, 3 counts of Reckless Endangerment all Class a Misdemeanors, Duty of Operator after Accident a Felony driving offense, and 2 counts of Assault 3rd Degree both Class C Felonies.

Investigation continues.

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