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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Stolen Vehicle

Date: April 28, 2008

From: Cindee Brown-Mills

Case or Incident: 080428-009

Summary:

On April 28, 2008 at approximately 8:30am a 17 foot moving truck was reported stolen.

At approximately 10:30am the truck was located on Mendenhall Loop Road. While waiting for backup officers to arrive an officer followed the vehicle onto Back Loop Road. When backup officers were in position the officer turned on emergency lights and siren to initiate a vehicle stop. The truck did not stop and continued driving into the Auke Bay area running through a stop sign onto Glacier Highway inbound. Officers followed the truck, which was not traveling at a high rate of speed.

At Egan Drive the truck slowed to stop for traffic at a traffic light. A Juneau Police Officer and a Forrest Service Law Enforcement Officer used their vehicles to surround the truck during which time the truck struck the Juneau Police cruiser causing \$1,500 in damage. Officers found the driver to be a 14-year-old Juneau boy and the passenger to be a 17-year-old Juneau boy.

The 14-year old driver was arrested for Vehicle Theft in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, and Failing to Stop at the Direction of a Police Officer, a Class C Felony. He was lodged at the Johnson Youth Center. The passenger was taken to the Cornerstone Emergency Shelter.

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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