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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Bear Incident

Date: 07-24-2008

From: Sgt. Chris Burke

Case or Incident: 080723-004

Summary:

On July 23, 2008 at 10:35pm, the Juneau Police Department received a 911 call from a 34-year-old male local resident reporting a bear in his residence, which he had to shoot.

Investigation revealed the male was awaked by a noise in his residence located in Switzer Village. The resident stated when he got out of bed the bear was about four feet into his residence. The bear turned and ran back toward the porch. The male yelled at the bear to encourage it to leave. The bear turned around and lunged at the male. The male shot the bear with a 45 semi-automatic handgun in the face. The injured bear turned and ran out of the residence.

Officers searched the area and tracked a blood trail for the bear but were unable to locate the injured bear. Residents are urged to use caution and encouraged to contact the Juneau Police Department with any sightings of the injured bear.

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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