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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Felony Assault on a Police Officer

Date: July 26, 2008

From: Sgt Erickson

Case or Incident # 080726-012

Summary:

On July 26, 2008 at about 1615 hours, a Capital City Transit bus driver reported to the Juneau Police Department that she had been assaulted on her City bus and requested police and ambulance personnel. At about the same time an off-duty Colorado Police Sergeant visiting Juneau called JPD to report the assault and that he was following the man who assaulted the bus driver on foot near Willoughby Avenue.

A Juneau Police Officer located the man, later identified as 32 year old Juneau resident Joseph JACOBS, near the Public Safety building on Whittier Street. When the officer attempted to take JACOBS into custody, JACOBS punched the officer in the face knocking him to the ground. JACOBS then attacked the grounded officer and attempted to gouge out the officers eyes, ultimately scratching the officers cornea. The off duty Sergeant who followed JACOBS ran up to him and removed JACOBS from the Juneau Officer. During the scuffle with JACOBS, the off duty Colorado Sergeant sustained a minor leg injury. The Juneau Officer was able to get up off the ground, deploy his Taser, and safely get JACOBS into custody.

The Juneau Police Officer was transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital for evaluation and was treated and released.

JACOBS was evaluated by medical personnel due to the Taser deployment and released. JACOBS was lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center. JACOBS was charged with Assault 3rd Degree, a Class C Felony, and two (2) counts of Assault 4th Degree, both Class A Misdemeanors.

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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