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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Wanted Person

Date: Friday, September 12, 2008

From: Lt. Kris Sell

Case or Incident: 080911-012

Summary: On September 11, 2008 at about 10:30 in the evening, the Juneau Police Department (JPD) received information that 35 year old John Chester WHITE, a man wanted for violating his parole, was standing outside in West Juneau.

JPD officers responded to the neighborhood and began searching for WHITE. Officers found WHITE in a residence near where had been reported. He was hiding inside a closet but was taken into custody without resistance once found. WHITE was arrested on a warrant for violating parole and for failing to register as a sex offender. WHITE was convicted twice, in 1991 and in 1999, for attempted sexual assault in the 2nd degree.

On August 26, 2008, the Alaska State Troopers and the Juneau Police Department started publishing to the media and on websites pictures and information about WHITE and another man, Alexey STEPETIN, in an effort to get help from the public in locating the men. Both men had been convicted of sex crimes and failed to comply with their parole requirements.

STEPETIN was arrested on August 28, 2008, just over a day after the information about him was published. STEPETIN was convicted in 2001 of sexual abuse of a minor in the 2nd degree and had also failed to register as a sex offender. Like WHITE, STEPETIN was arrested after police received information from a member of the public.

JPD and the Alaska State Troopers would like to thank Juneau residents for assisting with the locating of STEPETIN and WHITE.

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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