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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Arson

Date: 10-18-2008

From: Sgt. Tom Bates

Case or Incident: 081013-001

Summary:

On 10-12-2008, at 1140 pm, The Juneau Police Department and Capital City Fire & Rescue received a report from a local department store of a fire that had been intentionally set surrounding the exchange propane tanks in front of the store.

Responding units found the cardboard display signs hanging on the cage containing the tanks were ablaze. The fire was extinguished with little damage being done.

Then, an hour and ten minutes later at 12:50 am, another report was received of the same signs on the propane tank storage being on fire. A responding JPD officer extinguished this fire, again with little damage, with a hand held fire extinguisher.

Officers searched and contacted a 21 year old female, and identified a 37 year old male, both Juneau residents, who were in the immediate area at the time of both fires. The female denied any involvement and identified the man as her boyfriend. He walked away and did not speak with officers.

It was around 4 am before store security camera video was available that linked the man and woman to the fires. The woman was a former employee of the store who according to store management had been recently terminated from employment.

Officers conducted follow up interviews with the pair and charges of Arson in the first degree, a Class A felony, are expected to be filed on the two. The investigation is continuing.

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