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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Thefts from Businesses

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Case or Incident #081119-015/081128-016

Summary:

On 11/19/08 and again on 11/28/08, two separate businesses in the airport area were the victims of thefts perpetrated by a male asking for change for a \$100 bill, then stealing the money from the hands of the clerk and running from the scene. During the incidents, the male suspect would hold out a single bill to the clerk of the business, presenting the money as a \$100 bill. When the clerk was counting out the change, the suspect would grab the money then leave the bill he was holding, which turned out to be a \$1 bill. In all, the suspect fled the businesses with a total of \$200 cash.

The suspect was described as a white male adult, between 20-24 years of age. Between 5'10" to 5'11", slim to medium build and wearing a dark colored hoodie sweatshirt. The suspect was also seen to have driven away in a white Ford Ranger-type vehicle with loud exhaust. The suspect was the passenger in the truck. The driver was noted to be shorter than the passenger.

The Juneau Police Department recommends that merchants take reasonable precautions in order to protect themselves from these types of thefts. One option would be to have the merchant take physical possession of the denomination being exchanged. Examine it to ensure it is not counterfeit. Leave it on the register as the clerk counts out the change. Then hand the change to the customer.

If you have any information on any of these thefts, you can call the Juneau Police Department at 586-0600 or Crimeline at 586-4243.

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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