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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Kidnapping/Sexual Assault

Date: December 8, 2008

From: Cindee Brown-Mills

Case or Incident: 081202-006

Summary:

Update: December 8, 2008

On December 5, 2008, after interviewing the victim and following up on leads, the Juneau Police Department searched a house in the Mendanhall Valley and a car located at the house. Information received from these searches resulted in the Juneau District Court issuing a \$500,000 arrest warrant for 39-year-old Christopher Allen **Scholes**, a Juneau resident, on charges of Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree and Kidnapping.

This morning **Scholes** was located in East Sound, Washington on Orcas Island (in the San Juan Islands) where he was arrested by members of the San Juan County Sheriff's Department. He is being held in the Friday Harbor Holding Facility in Friday Harbor, Washington pending extradition to Juneau.

Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree and Kidnapping are both Unclassified Felonies. If convicted, each charge could bring between 20-99 years in prison.

The Juneau Police Department received a number of calls from residents who believed they had information about this case. Each call was followed up and the Police Department greatly appreciates the community's help.

Released: December 3, 2008

On December 2, 2008, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a sexual assault of a 15-year-old Juneau girl. JPD immediately began investigating the incident. During the initial investigation, it was determined that on December 1, 2008 at about 7:00pm, a white man between 30-40 years of age abducted the 15-year-old girl from the area of Floyd Dryden Middle School. The man was driving a sedan type vehicle with gray colored interior. He drove the girl from the area of Floyd Dryden however the girl was unable to provide information about where exactly the man took her. The man was described as having short blondish hair, was of average height and weight, with a thin build.

JPD is taking this incident very seriously and will vigorously pursue all leads. Juneau Police Department School Resource Officers have been briefed on this incident and are available to any student or child with information. Anyone else with information about this crime is encouraged to call the Juneau Police Department at 586-0600 or Juneau Crime Line 586-4243.

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