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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance

Date: December 9, 2008

From: Officer Jason Van Sickle

Summary:

On Friday, December 5th, 2008, the Juneau Police Department School Resource Officers responded to the Juneau-Douglas High School for a report of a 15 year old female in possession of marijuana. Officers subsequently placed the female under arrest for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the fourth degree, a class C felony. She was transported to and lodged at the Johnson Youth Center.

On Monday, December 8th, 2008, the Juneau Police Department School Resource Officers responded to the Thunder Mountain High School for a report of a 14 year old male who was found to be in possession of marijuana. Officers subsequently placed the male under arrest for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the fourth degree, a class C felony. He was transported to and lodged at JYC.

These two arrests are in addition to two arrests of Juneau students last week, on December 1st, 2008, also for possession of marijuana on school grounds. A 16 year old boy was arrested at the Juneau Douglas High School and a 15 year old boy was arrested at Thunder Mountain High School. Both were lodged at JYC on a charge of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the fourth degree, a class C felony.

The string of arrests are part of a zero tolerance policy toward drug possession and distribution in Juneau schools. The Juneau Police Department, particularly the School Resource Officers, are working with the Juneau School District and the Juneau Juvenile Probation Office to combat the problem of students possessing, using, and distributing marijuana and other drugs in Juneau schools. Juneau Police Department Chief Greg Browning met with school officials at Thunder Mountain High School today as part of continuing efforts to address crime in and around Juneau schools.

Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

***** END OF STATEMENT *****

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