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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Suspected Arson

Date: 07/03/2009

From: Sergeant Chris Burke

Case or Incident: 090703-001 & 090703-002

Summary:

On 07/03/09, about 12:22 a.m. the Juneau Police Department received a report from two different citizens driving on Glacier Hwy near Fritz Cove Rd of a Porta Potty on fire in the parking lot adjacent to Auke Lake. Capital City Fire and Rescue responded and quickly extinguished the fire.

About 36 minutes later, at 12:58 a.m., JPD received another report from a resident on Glacierwood Court. The caller reported a loud boom and a fire in the Diamond Park ball fields. CCFR responded and reported there were two separate fires. One fire was located near a dugout and the second was a building located approximately 100 feet away.

The building was the power shack for the Diamond Park fields. Due to the danger of electrocution, power was shut off to the immediate area by AEL&P. Once the fires were extinguished and it was determined to be safe for fire department personnel, power was restored to the area.

Both incidents involved Porta Potty's and is being investigated as Arson. The Juneau Police Department is asking for assistance from anyone who may have seen any suspicious vehicles or persons in the area at the time of the fires. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Juneau Police Department at (907) 586-0600.

Tips that lead to the arrest of any person are eligible for consideration of a cash reward through the Juneau Crime Line at (907) 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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