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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Drug Theft

Date: 07-16-2009

From: Sgt Tom Bates

Case or Incident: 090715-009

Summary:

On July 15, 2009 at 4:57pm the Juneau Police Department received a report from Bartlett Regional Hospital in regard to a possible theft of narcotics. An anesthesiologist reported that he believed someone had tampered with a vial of Fentanyl. The doctor administered the drug from the vial to a patient and there was no effect, leading him to believe the vial did not contain Fentanyl.

The nursing supervisor assembled all the employees present to interview them about their suspicions that someone had tampered with the drugs. Investigation revealed Victoria Peppenger, a registered nurse at Bartlett Regional Hospital had taken a quantity of Fentanyl from the vial with a syringe and replaced it with saline solution.

Peppenger was arrested and charged with Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 4th degree a C Felony, and Theft in the 4th Degree, a Misdemeanor.

She was lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center without bail.

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