

# JUNEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Felony Assault**

**Date: Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez**

**Case or Incident # 091003-015**

### **Summary:**

**On 10/03/09, at approximately 9:50 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report that a CBJ transit bus had had an object thrown at it, disabling it, and injuring the driver. The driver had pulled the bus over on inbound Glacier Highway, at approximately the seven-mile marker. Fire and EMT personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue were also dispatched to treat the driver's injuries.**

**Upon arrival, JPD officers determined that the transit bus, a full-size transit vehicle, had sustained damage to the windshield, directly in front of the driver's seat. The object had impacted the windshield, causing it to shatter, spraying the driver with shards of glass, and obscuring her vision. The driver was able to regain control of the vehicle, slowing it down and stopping along the side of the road. The driver had sustained lacerations to her left hand from the broken glass. She was later taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital Emergency Room to treat her injury.**

**Preliminary investigation at the scene showed that the object thrown was possibly a water balloon thrown from a vehicle driving in the opposite direction of the bus. The object caused enough force to shatter the windshield and push it inwards. The bus had been traveling with fourteen passengers and two small children. None of the passengers had sustained any injuries and left by other conveyance to their destinations. The bus was found to be inoperable and was towed from the scene.**

**Incident is under investigation.**

**Citizens are encouraged to call the JPD if they have any information concerning this incident at 586-0600.**

**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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