

# JUNEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Accidental Death**

**Date: 12-15-09**

**From: Sgt. David Campbell**

**Case # 091210-008**

### Summary:

On 12-10-2009, at approximately 3:03 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a male who was found not breathing at a residence located on Chelsea Court. Paramedics with Capital City Fire Rescue responded and pronounced the male as deceased.

The male was identified as 55 year old Juneau resident Warren “Tom” Bates. The preliminary investigation revealed that Bates died due to an unintentional accident. There were no signs of foul play and Bates was alone when the accident occurred. An autopsy was conducted on 12/14/2009, but the results will not be available for approximately 8 weeks.

Warren “Tom” Bates was a police sergeant with the Juneau Police Department. He was hired by JPD in September of 2002. He was promoted to sergeant in April of 2007. Sergeant Bates was also a member of the CBJ Graffiti Task Force. Prior to coming to Juneau, Sergeant Bates had 17 years of police experience working in Texas.

**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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