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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Assault

Date: January 19, 2010

From: Cindee Brown-Mills

Case or Incident: 100118-015

Summary:

On January 18, 2010 at approximately 10:00pm JPD received a call that a man had been attacked in the 8200 block of Glacier Highway. When officers arrived they found a 40 year old Juneau man with mild abrasions and lacerations on his body. Capital City Fire and Rescue transported him to Bartlett Regional Hospital where he was treated and released.

The investigation revealed that at about 10:00pm the victim was driving in a car with a friend when some people they knew passed them in another car. Both cars drove to where Glacier Highway ends at the 8200 block. Three (3) people got out of the lead car and approached the car with the victim in it. The victim also got out of the car he was riding in. The three (3) people approached the victim and began beating and kicking him. One of the people used a stun gun on him and a second person held a knife to his face while threatening him. Then they got into their car and drove away. The driver of the car the victim was in also drove away and left him. The victim then ran to a nearby building and called for help.

At approximately 6:30am officers served several search warrants in the 8900 block of Mendenhall Loop Road. Officers interviewed several people and subsequently arrested 40 year old Juneau resident Joseph CROPLEY, 45 year old Juneau resident Tillie SANTOS, and 34 year old Juneau resident Rafael LOPEZ.

- CROPLEY was charged with Robbery in the 1st degree and Assault in the 4th degree
- LOPEZ was charged with Robbery in the 1st degree and Assault in the 3rd degree
- SANTOS was charged with Robbery in the 1st degree and Assault in the 3rd degree

Robbery in the 1st degree is an "A" felony, Assault in the 4th degree is an "A" misdemeanor, and Assault in the 3rd degree is a "C" felony. All three were lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center without bail.

It was determined that the three (3) arrested were acquaintances of the victim and alcohol was not a factor.

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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