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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Assault in the Second Degree      Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010**

**From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez              Case or Incident #100311-018**

### Summary:

On 3/11/2010, at approximately 7:30 PM, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a fight taking place between two females at a downtown hotel. Upon arrival, JPD officers contacted three females, Renee MORALES-FERNEN, 21-year old female, and two other 22-year old females. All were local residents. MORALES-FERNEN and one of the other females showed signs of being involved in a fight.

After interviewing all the subjects, Officers determined that MORALES-FERNEN had gotten into a fight with the other female. During the altercation, MORALES-FERNEN had struck the female several times then placed her hand and elbow across the female's throat causing her airway to be constricted. MORALES-FERNEN then forcibly took an amount of cash from the pocket of the female she was assaulting.

The third female attempted to intervene, but MORALES-FERNEN threatened to assault her.

MORALES-FERNEN was placed under arrest for Assault in the Second Degree DV (strangulation, B Felony), Theft in the Second Degree (C Felony), Assault in the Fourth Degree DV (A Misdemeanor) and Disorderly Conduct (B Misdemeanor).

As officers were attempting to take MORALES-FERNEN into custody, she refused to cooperate and struggled with them by trying to pull away. She was additionally charged with Resisting Arrest (A Misdemeanor). She was ultimately lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center on no bail.

The assault victim was evaluated by EMT personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue. She was eventually taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER where she was provided further medical attention and later released.

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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