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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Minor Consuming

Date: Friday, March 12, 2010

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Case or Incident #100312-018

Summary:

On 3/12/2010, at approximately 8:00 PM, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a possible house party involving several minors who were consuming alcohol. The location given was in a residential area in Douglas.

JPD officers located the residence and observed up to 30 people inside. Several of the occupants fled out back windows and doors of the residence when officers approached the front door. Officers eventually entered the residence and made contact with several other occupants who were either hiding out in various locations or waited in the living room. Officers also contacted a 17-year old male who said he lived in the house and his parents were both out of town.

After conducting an investigation in the residence, officers cited six juveniles under 18-years of age and four minors under 21-years of age for minor consuming. The minor who lived in the house or any of the other occupants were unwilling to say who had purchased or provided the alcohol for the party.

All the juveniles' parents or guardians were contacted and either arrived to the scene or arranged for their children to be taken home. The minors, all over 18-years of age, left the residence. Officers ensured that none drove vehicles.

The 17-year old juvenile was transported to a state authorized facility and left in their care pending contact with his parents.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about the dangers of underage drinking and to be vigilant of their whereabouts.

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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