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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Suicidal Subject

Date: 4-12-10

From: Lt. Kris Sell

Case or Incident: 2010-012848

Summary:

At 2:46 p.m. today, a 53 year-old Juneau man called the Juneau Police Department and said he was on top of the State Office Building on Willoughby Avenue and was going to jump. The man was visible to pedestrians in the area of Centennial Hall. JPD personnel blocked Willoughby Avenue for about fifteen minutes during the incident.

JPD officers had Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel stage in the area while officers were talking to the man. When officers contacted the man he was outside the railing of the 8th floor mezzanine. The man eventually climbed back over the railing and cooperated with the requests of the responding officers. Members of JPD's crisis negotiation team were on the way to the incident but had not arrived at the time the situation was resolved. JPD officers transported the man to Bartlett Regional Hospital for an evaluation. The man who threatened to jump off the building is not a state employee.

On July 9, 2009, a 66 year-old Juneau woman did jump from the same place in an apparent suicide attempt. She did not survive the incident.

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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