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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Car Rifflings

Date: Friday, May 28, 2010

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident #100528-002

Summary:

On 05/28/2010, at approximately 2:00 am, the Juneau Police Department received a report from a resident on the 1700 block of Glacier Avenue that she and her husband had been awakened by their barking dogs to find an unknown male riffling through their vehicle parked in their driveway. The male fled the vehicle holding a shoulder bag when her husband told him he was calling the police.

JPD officers, who were already in the area investigating an unrelated incident, contacted a male matching that description in front of the Juneau Douglas High School. The male, identified as Robert HUGHES, a 22-year old local male was carrying a large black nylon duffel bag.

HUGHES was interviewed and the duffel bag was found to contain various articles of female clothing, electronic items, and paperwork related to a local business. He was identified by the original complainant on Glacier Avenue, as being the same person who was in the vehicle. Officers located several other parked vehicles and a boat on a trailer along Glacier Avenue, which had been entered. Several items found in the duffel bag and in HUGHES' possession were consistent with items taken from two of the illegally entered vehicles. All vehicles were later found to have been unlocked before HUGHES illegally entered them.

HUGHES was placed under citizen's arrest for Criminal Trespass. He was also charged with three additional counts of criminal trespass (vehicles) and two counts of theft from two of the vehicles. He was lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center.

The incident is thought to have occurred on Glacier Avenue, from the area associated with Channel Vista Drive and Glacier Avenue south to Highland Drive. If residents along this area discover that their parked vehicles or boats had been entered and items stolen, they are encouraged to call JPD. Residents are also encouraged to always lock their vehicles while they are unattended.

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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