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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Suspicious Device

Date: August 6, 2010

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Case or Incident: 2010-029123

Summary:

On July 29, 2010 at approximately 12:00pm the Juneau Police Department was contacted by the State Troopers to report that a hiker had found what appeared to be a military training ordinance in the Dredge Lake area. Forest Service Officers along with members of the JPD Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Team responded to the area to inspect the device.

The device was found to be a training mortar that is designed to deliver a small detonation. It was in a very remote area of Dredge Lakes about 200 feet from any usable hiking/access trails or roads. Due to the remote nature of the location, Forest Service officers closed off the area and left the device in place while the EOD Team contacted military officials for disposal instructions.

It is standard procedure to contact military ordinance disposal officials when a military ordinance device is found. The military determines what course of action they will take in regard to the device. In this case JPD was advised that the military was not concerned about it and the JPD EOD team was cleared to render it safe.

On August 6, 2010 approximately 11:00am JPD EOD Team members were able to reach the device and render it safe in place. Residents in the area surrounding Dredge Lakes may have heard a small blast about that time.

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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