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Preliminary investigation by both the CCFR Fire Marshal and JPD showed the van had been unoccupied at the time of the fire. Several pieces of construction equipment had been taken out of the van prior to it being set on fire. The Fire Marshal determined the fire was suspicious in nature. The van was seized into evidence.

Damage was estimated to be in excess of \$20,000.

At this time, both vehicle fires are thought not to be related. If anyone has any information on either of these incidents, they are encouraged to call the Juneau Police Department at 586-0600 or Crime Line at 586-4243.

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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Vehicle Arson Fires

Date: Friday, August 27, 2010

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident # 100816-002/100828-001

Summary:

On 08/15/2010, at approximately 10:15 pm, while conducting patrols out at Echo Cove, Juneau Police Officers came upon a vehicle fully engulfed in flames parked to the side of the road at mile 33 of Glacier Highway. The vehicle, a 1993 Ford Explorer was unoccupied. Officers spoke with several people camping in the area, but none was identified as the owner of the vehicle. Some of the campers did say that they had heard the vehicle's horn go off, but when they arrived to investigate the noise, the vehicle was already on fire.

With the assistance of Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel, the fire was doused. The vehicle was later towed to the Juneau Police Department where the CCFR Fire Marshal inspected it and determined that the cause of the fire was suspicious in nature. The registered owner was later contacted at his home. He told officers that his vehicle had a flat tire and he had left it parked to the side of road hoping to later return and repair the flat.

Damage was estimated to be in excess of \$5000.

On 08/27/2010, at approximately 11:00 pm, JPD received a report of a vehicle fire near Keegan Street, off Mendenhall Loop Road. The actual location was found to be behind a local church off Mendenhall Loop Road.

Upon arrival, JPD Officers found a 1995 full-size Chevrolet van fully engulfed in flames. The van, which was a business/container van for a construction company had been parked behind the church. The fire was contained and extinguished by CCFR personnel. The Church was not damaged. The van and all its contents were destroyed.

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