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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Pipe Bomb

Date: 10/09/10

From: Ofc. Michael Wise

Case or Incident: 101009-015

Summary:

On 10/09/10, at 1530 hours, the Juneau Police Department received a report that a pipe bomb detonated in the parking lot of a business on Airport Blvd. The caller reported two people in the area were injured.

Officers responded and secured a perimeter blocking through traffic on Airport Blvd.

Member of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team arrived on scene and determined the device to be a potato gun. Investigation revealed after several attempts to launch potatoes the individual used lighter fluid to project the potato further. The individual placed two potatoes in the barrel of the potato gun and lit the lighter fuel causing the PVC pipe to rupture.

A 20 year old male who lit the lighter fuel suffered ringing in his ears and minor redness around the chest area. He was seen by Capital City Fire and Rescue and released on scene.

A customer, 37 year old male, who was leaving the business suffered ringing in his ear and declined medical attention.

Investigation continues.

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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