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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Domestic Assault

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident # 2007-004547

Summary:

On Saturday, 02/10/07, at approximately 3:40 am, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a verbal dispute taking place between two males at a residence in the Mendenhall Valley. At one point, both males were on separate phones speaking to the 911 operator. One of the males, later identified as Michael FINLEY, 39 –years of age, stated that the other adult male had threatened him with a handgun.

Upon Officer's arrival, they made contact with FINLEY outside the residence. He was uncooperative with the police and had to be physically restrained. He further told the police that the homeowner had told him he would shoot any police officer who came into the residence. Officers later made contact with the other male, who was identified as the 59- year old homeowner of the residence.

After conducting interviews with the participants and investigating the scene, it was determined that FINLEY, who is a paying renter at the residence had arrived back to the home, intoxicated and physically assaulted the homeowner. The homeowner had felt the need to further protect himself from FINLEY and had threatened him with a personal firearm in order to get him to stop assaulting him and leave.

The homeowner also stated that he had never made any type of statement to FINLEY of intending to shoot police officers.

FINLEY was placed under arrest for domestic violence assault, filing a false police report, and interfering with an officer. All three offenses are class "A" misdemeanors, each punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine.

FINLEY was taken to Lemon Creek Correctional Center where he was lodged.

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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