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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: School Burglary

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident #2007-005735

Summary:

On Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at approximately 6:00 pm, an employee of the Juneau School District called JPD to report that three juveniles had unlawfully entered and vandalized the interior of one of the modular classrooms at the backside of the Mendenhall River Community School complex.

JPD Officers arrived to the scene and contacted three juveniles along the wood line, adjacent to the school's playground. All had attempted to flee the area and hid in the woods until contacted. They were all identified as thirteen-year old local males. All three had admitted to illegally entering the classroom, vandalizing the interior, and stealing assorted items. They also implicated a fourth juvenile, also thirteen-years of age, who had fled the area. That juvenile was later contacted at his residence and admitted the same as the other three. He was further found to have in his possession several items stolen from the classroom

Officers determined that the four juveniles had allegedly gained access into the classroom then vandalized the interior by pouring red paint onto the carpet, at least two computer monitors, keyboards, telephone, table, chair, and printer. They also allegedly used a black marker and vandalized a dry-erase board. Damage is estimated in excess of \$1000.

The four juveniles were released to their parents. Charges for Burglary Second Degree (class C felony), Criminal Mischief Third Degree (class C felony), and Theft in the Third Degree (class A misdemeanor) are expected to be forwarded to the Johnson Youth Center on all four.

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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