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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Stolen Vehicle/Arson

Date: Friday, March 30, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident # 2007-009931

Summary:

On Friday, March 30, 2007 at approximately 9:15 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a 911-call reference a vehicle on fire along the roadside of the 8000 block of North Douglas Highway. The caller stated that the vehicle was engulfed in flames and appeared to be unoccupied. The vehicle was later found to be a 1989 Ford Taurus.

Personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue arrived to the scene and extinguished the flames. At that time, the vehicle was determined to be unoccupied.

JPD Officers and the CCFR Fire Marshal investigated the scene and determined that the fire was intentionally set. It was also determined through the investigation that the vehicle had been stolen earlier from a location in the Mendenhall valley and driven to its current location, and then set on fire.

The vehicle and several items were seized into evidence by the JPD.

It is unknown at this time whether this incident is related to the two previous vehicle arsons which had occurred in the downtown Juneau area during the morning and afternoon of March 25, 2007.

The investigations of all three arsons continue.

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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