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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Convenience Store Burglary Date: 10-28-2006

From: Officer Tom Bates Case or Incident # 2006-036336

Summary:

On Saturday 10-28-2006, at 1:40 am, The Juneau Police Department received a report of a burglary in progress at a Douglas convenience store.

The caller reported hearing loud banging noises coming from the direction of the store and when he went to investigate saw two men attempting to break in.

The two suspects tried breaking the glass on a side door by throwing rocks at it and hitting it with a large ashtray. When that was unsuccessful, they removed a 5 foot long stove pipe from the rear of the building and tried using it as a battering ram to break the glass on the door. This too was unsuccessful. Finally they broke the glass next to the door and gained entry.

Once inside, one of the suspects, a juvenile, gathered up three cartons of Marlboro cigarettes along with 69 loose packs, and placed them in a trash bag. Also taken were 17 boxes of Swisher Sweet cigars and two disposable lighters.

The suspect that entered the store, along with the person assisting him, and another man who was reportedly standing by as a lookout, left the store with the stolen cigarettes, but were almost immediately located and detained by officers.

Investigation lead to all three being taken into custody with the juvenile being charged with Burglary in the 2^{nd} degree, Theft in the 3^{rd} degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 3^{rd} degree, all felonies. The juvenile was lodged at the Johnson Youth Center.

The other two men, both Juneau residents, were identified as 34 year old Gregory Robert Nelson and 18 year old Kristopher McKinley. Nelson was charged with Burglary in the 2nd degree, Theft in the 3rd degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 3rd degree. McKinley was charged with Burglary in the 2nd degree and Theft in the 3rd degree.

Both men were lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center without bail.