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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Man in the water Date: 10/27/2008

From: Sgt David Campbell Case #: 081027-009

Summary:

On 10/27/2008, at approximately 12:13 pm, the Juneau Police Department received three reports of a man in the Gastineau Channel near the downtown library. One witness reporting seeing the man jump off the dock near the downtown library and into the Gastineau Channel.

Juneau Police officers responded and reported seeing the man in the water. The officers said the man was not wearing clothing. One officer threw a life ring to the man, but the man swam away for the life ring.

Members of the United States Coast Guard were walking on the dock. One Coast Guard member entered the water and attempted to take the life ring to the man. The man swam away from the area. The man submerged under the water and was not seen from again.

Juneau Police officers searched the area around and under dock for the man. A pile of clothing believed to belonging to the man was found on the dock near the downtown library. The possible name of the man is being withheld pending a positive identification and notification of the next of kin.

A United States Coast Guard boat arrived and began searching the area. As of the writing of this press release the man has not been located and the search is continuing.

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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