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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Robbery

Date: 04-23-2009

From: Sgt Tom Bates

Case or Incident: 090423-003

Summary:

On April 23, 2009 at 1:11 am, The Juneau Police department received a report that a 27 year old Juneau woman had been robbed.

The victim told officers she was sitting in her vehicle at a Mendenhall Valley business when a man approached her and demanded money. Before she could react, the man opened her car door and grabbed her purse. The woman held on to the purse and struggled with the man as he dragged her out of the vehicle. He managed to get the purse away from her and fled the scene. Officers found one of the victim's shoes, some change, and small items from her purse in the street approximately 40 feet from where she was pulled out of her vehicle. The robber never displayed a weapon and the victim was not seriously injured suffering only a sore shoulder

A suspect has been identified and his arrest is anticipated.

******* UPDATE *******

The suspect was identified as 19 year old Juneau resident Salesi "George" FIFITA. An arrest warrant was issued for FIFITA for \$25,000 for the robbery.

On 04/23/2008, at approximately 3:15 pm, FIFITA was contacted on Ferry Way and arrested. He was transported to and lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center on the \$25,000 warrant.

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