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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Assault

Date: 10-26-10

From: Sgt Hatch

Case or Incident: 101026-004

Summary:

On 10-26-10 at about 1152 hours, JPD received a report of two males fighting in the parking lot at a business on Mall Road. The caller then reported there was a gun involved in the fight.

On arrival, an officer saw a Chevy pickup parked behind the Foreign Auto building on Mall Rd. There were several people standing around the truck and an argument could be heard between the driver of the truck and the bystanders. The driver of the truck accelerated rapidly toward the bystanders. The truck then backed away. It began to drive away and then backed up toward the bystanders again, causing them to jump out of the way to avoid being struck. The driver of the truck then sped off at a high rate of speed departing the area..

Responding officers located the truck as it left Mall Rd turning onto Loop Rd. and conducted a traffic stop. The officer detained the driver, identified as 41 year old Juneau resident, Zachary MOESER.

Through investigation and interviews, it was determined that MOESER had reportedly entered Foreign Auto and confronted a 41 year old worker. As the worker tried to talk with MOESER, MOESER produced a hand gun and pointed it at the worker and two other subjects while being verbally abusive and threatening them with the gun. MOESER put the gun away but continued to engage in a verbal confrontation with the subjects.

MOESER and one of the victims went out to the parking lot where a physical struggle ensued between the two. MOESER eventually got into his pickup truck and continued to argue with the victim. MOESER used his truck in an apparent attempt to run the bystanders over.

During the traffic stop, a hand gun was recovered from the pickup. MOESER was placed under arrest and lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center on (7) counts of Assault III (C Felony), (3) counts of Assault IV (A Misdemeanor) an (1) count of Harassment (B Misdemeanor). This case is being investigated as a possible hate crime and the investigation is ongoing.

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