

# JUNEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Suicidal Subject**

**Date: October 27, 2010**

**From: Sgt Scott Erickson**

**Case or Incident # 101027-018**

### Summary:

On October 27, 2010 at about 5:40 pm, the Juneau Police Department (JPD) received a report from the Crisis Intervention hotline about a 21 year man who called to report he was suicidal. The 21 year old said he was sitting in his car with a loaded gun and refused to unload the gun when asked to by intervention staff. The staff was able to obtain a possible location and other information about the man to provide to police.

JPD Officers responded to the 5000 block of North Douglas to search for the man. The man's vehicle was found parked off the roadway but the man was not in the vehicle or in the immediate area. A search was conducted along the road and beach near where his car was found but he the man was not located.

At about 8:40 pm, JPD received a telephone call from a family member of the man who said they located him driving on Egan Drive near the JD Bridge and provided the updated information to JPD. JPD officers found the vehicle driving outbound on Thane Road and began to follow the vehicle.

Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle but the man would not stop. Officers followed the vehicle to the end of Thane Road where they attempted to talk to the man. Officers talked with him while the man held a gun to his head. The man would not respond to officers and the man got out of his car and tried to walk away from the officers with the gun to his head. Officers attempted to subdue him using a bean bag round but the man ran away from the officers and shot himself.

Officers on scene provided CPR and first aid until Capital City Fire and Rescue could arrive on scene. CCFR transported the man to Bartlett Regional Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Next of kin was notified of the death. Investigation continues into this case.

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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