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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Assault III

Date: 11-28-10

From: Sgt Hatch

Case or Incident: 101128-001

Summary:

On 11-28-10 at about 0220 hours, JPD received a 911 call from an apartment at 127 S. Franklin St. The caller stated a person was at the apartment and had been beaten, was unable to talk and was unrecognizable due to facial injuries.

JPD officers and Capital City Fire Rescue personnel responded to the scene. A 44 year old Juneau man was located and ultimately transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries which were determined to be serious but not life-threatening.

Investigation revealed the victim was at the apartment of an acquaintance when a verbal argument ensued about the purchase of alcohol. The suspect attacked the victim with fists multiple times after which the victim crawled out of the apartment and contacted a neighbor for help.

Officers located the suspect, 52 year old Dennis Wharton, a short time later on Franklin St. where he was ultimately placed under arrest for Assault in the 3rd degree (Class C Felony) and lodged at Lemon Creek Correctional Center without bail.

Alcohol was a factor in this incident and the investigation is continuing.

All factual allegations contained in this release are based upon preliminary investigation and are subject to change or clarification as the investigation continues. Any charges reported in this release are merely accusations and all persons named in this release are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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