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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Deceased Person Found

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2007

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident # 2007-016052

Summary:

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 at approximately 10:30 am, the Juneau Police Department was notified of a deceased male found on the beach at the Southern part of Douglas Island. The caller, who was boating around the area of Marmian Island, which is at the southern tip of Douglas Island said they had located what appeared to be a body at the tide line.

JPD Officers, with the assistance of U.S. Coast Guard personnel and their rescue boat provided transportation to the location. While there, officers conducted an investigation of the scene and retrieved the body of an adult male and other belongings.

The State Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and an autopsy is scheduled to be preformed to determine cause of death and substantiate identity.

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

As of 06/07/2007, the Juneau Police Department has not been able to locate next of kin. The identity of person will not be substantiated until a proper identification takes place.

The preliminary result from the autopsy indicates that the probable cause of death was exposure to the elements. No signs of trauma associated with foul play were present.

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

On 06/19/2007, The Juneau Police Department received confirmation from the State Medical Examiner's office as to the identity of the deceased person. Identification was made via dental records. Next of kin has not been located and the identity of the person will not be released until that occurs. The deceased person was a 48 year old Caucasian male, who resided in Juneau for a short period of time before his death.

The autopsy revealed no signs of premortem trauma that would have led to the person's death. The person was found in a remote outdoor area and he was wearing light clothing. The cause of death was due to probable complications of hypothermia and the manner of death was ruled as Accidental.

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

On 06/28/2007, Juneau Police located next of kin and the death notification was made. The deceased male was identified as Mark Raymond Jackson, born in 1958.

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