PRESS RELEASE

KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On 04/03/19 at approximately 1658 hours, Officers contacted David Torres, age 33, in the 3400 block of Tongass Avenue. Mr. Torres had a valid arrest warrant for Criminally Negligent Burning 2nd Degree, Criminal Trespass 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief 5th Degree, and Theft in the 4th Degree. Mr. Torres was arrested, transported to the state jail, and held on $2,000.00 bail.

On 04/05/19 at approximately 0044 hours, Officers contacted Michael L. Baham, age 33, in the lobby of the police station. Mr. Baham turned himself in for an outstanding warrant. The warrant was for Petition to Revoke Probation. Mr. Baham was arrested and transported to the state jail where he was held on $5000.00 bail.

On 04/06/19 at approximately 1633 hours, Officers contacted Jolene Kantrud (Lapinski) in the 100 block of Bryant Street. Ms. Kantrud had three outstanding warrants for her arrest. The warrants were for Violation of Conditions of Release. Ms. Kantrud was arrested and transported to the state jail where she was held on $12,000.00 bail.

On 04/04/19 at approximately 0710 hours, Officers responded to a Denali Avenue address due to a report of a female hitting a male. Laurelle G. Willard, age 58, was arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree – Domestic Violence. She was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 04/07/19 at approximately 1258 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Bawden Street due to a report of people consuming alcohol in public. Joni C. Vrell, age 57, was one of the people. She was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release. Ms. Vrell was transported to the state jail and held on $250.00 bail.

On 04/07/19 at approximately 1845 hours, Officers contacted Heather D. Morris, age 34, in the 3200 block of Baranof Avenue. Ms. Morris had an outstanding arrest warrant for Violation of Conditions of Release and a summons for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 2nd Degree. Ms. Morris was arrested and transported to the state jail and held on $1,000.00 bail.

On 04/08/19 at approximately 0019 hours, Officers responded to the Super 8 Hotel for a report of an assault. After further investigation, Benami Nickel, age 37, was arrested for Assault in the 2nd Degree – Domestic Violence. He was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

All charges reported in this media release are only accusations.
All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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