

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On 07/04/18 at approximately 1200 hours, while patrolling the 4th of July parade route, an Officer observed Heather L. Hamilton, age 32, throw a beverage container and strike a pedestrian participant of the Boy Scouts of America float in the head. Ms. Hamilton attempted to flee from the area and struggled with the officer as she was taken into custody. Hamilton was charged with Disorderly Conduct and transported to the state jail and set to be released on her own recognizance.

On 07/04/18 at approximately 2157 hours, Officers initiated a traffic stop on a black SUV near the 300 block of Spruce Mill Way after receiving a report of an extremely intoxicated female attempting to drive the SUV. Officers contacted the driver, Johnna McArdle, age 55, who was intoxicated. After admitting to drinking too much and refusing field sobriety tests, Ms. McArdle was placed under arrest and transported to the police department for further processing. Ms. McArdle refused to provide a breath sample. Ms. McArdle was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test. She was transported to the state jail where she was set to be released on her own recognizance.

On 07/04/18 at approximately 2226 hours, Officers responded to the 500 block of Mission Street for a report of a single vehicle traffic collision. An Officer saw the vehicle on the sidewalk and observed it back up and then it drove away in the oncoming lane of Bawden Street. The vehicle continued to Park Avenue and drove up on the sidewalk. The vehicle stopped in the 700 block of Park Avenue and the driver had locked the doors and had to be removed by Officers. The driver was identified as Shelly A. Laroussi, age 56. She was extremely intoxicated. Her vehicle and a railing had been damaged in the collision. She was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test and Criminal Mischief in the Fifth Degree. She was transported to the state jail and held on \$500.00 bail.

On 07/05/18 at approximately 1405 hours, Officers contacted Erik A. Swenson, age 34, in the 1000 block of Water Street. Mr. Swenson was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant related to drug sales from a December 2017 case. He was taken into custody and transported to state jail where he was booked and held on \$2,500.00 bail.

On 07/05/18 at approximately 1840 hours, Officers responded to Thomas Street, due to a report of a male damaging a vehicle then pulling a knife on a person. Officers arrived and found Justin M. Lucas, age 19, being held down by citizens awaiting Officers. The investigation revealed Mr. Lucas kicked a basketball sized dent in the side of a parked vehicle. He ran away then pulled a knife on a male who stopped him from running. Mr. Lucas, while still holding the knife in the hand he used to punch, punched the male. Mr. Lucas was arrested and charged with Assault in the Third Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree. Mr. Lucas 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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