

*PRESS RELEASE*  
*KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT*  
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On 7/6/18 at approximately 1222 hours, Officers arrested Andrew C. Hanson, age 33, in the 1800 block of Tongass Avenue on an outstanding arrest warrant related to a theft and trespass case from a downtown business which occurred in June 2018. In addition, Mr. Hanson was found to have outstanding arrest warrants out of Anchorage as well as Fairbanks, for cases in each of those cities where he failed to appear for hearings. He was also found to have violated conditions of release related to the Fairbanks case. Mr. Hanson was transported to the state jail where he was held without bail.

On 07/06/18 at approximately 1657 hours, Officers contacted Brittany Holten, age 32, and Robert Sero, age 37, at the 300 block of Edmonds Street. Mr. Sero challenged Officers to fight, and was subsequently arrested. Additionally, Ms. Holten attempted to interfere with the arrest of Mr. Sero, and was arrested. They both were transported to the state jail. Mr. Sero was charged with Disorderly Conduct and set to be released on his own recognizance. Ms. Holten was charged with Resisting or Interfering with an Arrest and set to be released on her own recognizance.

On 07/06/18 at approximately 1831 hours, Officers were dispatched to 312 Dock Street concerning a wanted subject. Officers contacted Ely Merfeld, age 25, and discovered that Mr. Merfeld had two outstanding warrants out of Craig, Alaska. Mr. Merfeld was arrested and booked into the state jail and held on \$3500.00 bail.

On 07/07/18 at approximately 0055 hours, Officers contacted Jesse Booth, age 27, in the lobby of the Police Department. Mr. Booth was served a summons for the charge of False Information or Report, stemming from a case earlier in July 2018.

On 07/07/018 at approximately 1815 hours, an Officer contacted Patrick C. Anniskette Sr., age 54, in a vehicle on lower Bawden Street due to a trespassing complaint. He had been warned for trespass the previous day. Mr. Anniskette was arrested for Criminal Trespass and transported to the state jail where he was set to be released on his own recognizance.

On 7/9/2018 at approximately 0212 hours, Officers contacted Barbara Mata, age 51, in the 200 block of Dock Street for yelling and creating a disturbance. Ms. Mata was verbally warned to stop yelling loudly. Ms. Mata continued yelling loudly and she was arrested for Disorderly Conduct - Loud Noise. She was transported to the state jail set to be released on her own recognizance.

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

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