

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On November 15, 2012 at approximately 8:32 AM officers of the Ketchikan Police Department were dispatched to the 2900 block of Baranof on a report of a child being struck by a car. Upon investigation officers learned the child had just exited a school bus which was stopped on Baranof to unload students. The bus had its red lights flashing and stop sign extended. A vehicle being driven by DORIS LOESER, 68 years of age of Ketchikan AK, drove up from behind the bus passing the red lights and stop sign and struck the child. The child was taken to the Ketchikan General Hospital and received medical attention.

Ms. Loeser was charged with Assault in the Third Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Reckless Driving, and Failure to Stop for School Bus with Flashing Red Lights.

On November 19, 2012 at approximately 9:05 PM the Ketchikan Police Department received a report of a single vehicle accident in the 1500 block of South Tongass Highway. The vehicle appeared to be travelling south when it left the roadway and struck the rock embankment on the inland side of the road. Two people in the vehicle were ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. Two passengers were transported by ambulance to the Ketchikan General Hospital. The deceased were April Arland, 31 years of age and a 16 year old female. The passengers were a 16 year old female and a 14 year old male. The deceased will be transported to the Alaska Medical Examiner's Office in Anchorage for autopsy. The accident is still under investigation, but speed is considered a factor. Alaska State Troopers assisted in mapping the scene and the Ketchikan Fire Department provided lighting for the scene using their rescue unit. The road was reopened at approximately 1:30 AM.
