

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On 4/20/12 at about 1350 hours, officers arrested AMBER VOLPI, 25 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, on two outstanding warrants. She was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held on \$400.00 bail.

On 4/20/12 at about 1545 hours, officers responded to Wal-Mart to investigate the report of juvenile shoplifter in custody. Officers arrested a 16 year old male for Theft in the Third Degree. He was seen placing Crest White Strips, valued at \$69.97, down his pants. The male was released to his grandmother and the case was sent to Juvenile probation.

On 4/21/12 at about 0115 hours, officers responded to the First City Saloon due to a report of a fight between multiple subjects. Upon arriving officers contacted a male who was bleeding from the head. He stated he was hit with what he thought was a beer bottle. After talking to witnesses officers arrested DARWIN B. ESCALONA, 33 years of Ketchikan Alaska, for Assault in the Third Degree, a C felony. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was held without bail.

On 4/21/12 at about 0227 hours officers were dispatched to Evergreen Condominiums on a report of an assault. Upon arriving officers were told that ERIC CHRISTIN, 29 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, had just assaulted a male and left. Officers found Mr. Christin hiding in the woods a short distance away. Mr. Christin was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Violation of Conditions of Release. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was held on \$1,500.00 bail.

On 4/21/12 at about 1353 hours, officers were dispatched to Safeway on a report of an intoxicated female. Upon arriving officers contacted LARENA BAINTEER, 41 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, who showed signs of being intoxicated and was found to have conditions of release which prohibited her from drinking alcohol. She was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release and transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held on \$500.00 bail.

On 4/23/12 at about 1741 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Tongass on a report the driver did not have a valid license. Upon stopping the vehicle officers arrested JOHN H. JAMES 38 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, for Driving While License Suspended and for Violation of Conditions of Release. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was held on \$500.00 bail.

On 4/23/12 at about 2113 hours, officers were dispatched to the Park Avenue Temporary Housing center on a report of an aggressive male refusing to leave the center. Officers contacted JAMES A. MAVROMATIS, 37 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, who was given a trespass warning from the center and was warned about disorderly conduct. At about 2144 hours Mr. Mavromatis was found yelling at a female on Bawden Street. He was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was held on \$500.00 bail.

On 4/24/12 at about 1402 hours, officers arrested JENNIFER L. GEARY, 34 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, on an outstanding warrant. She was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held on \$5,000.00 bail.

On 4/24/12 at about 2110 hours, officers were requested to First Avenue for a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a 1970's style van. Upon arriving officers contacted RICHARD W. WILSON, 29 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, who was found to have a small amount of marijuana. He was issued a misdemeanor citation for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Sixth Degree.

On 4/25/12 at about 1543 hours, officers responded to the corner of Forest Avenue and Pine Street for a two vehicle accident with no injuries. It was further reported that people had ran from the scene on foot. Officers arrived and contacted LUKE PURSCHWITZ, 18 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska. Upon investigation Mr. Purschwitz was arrested for Operation a Vehicle While Under the Influence, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was set to be released on his own recognizance.

On 4/28/12 at about 0906 hours, officers responded to Bawden Street to investigate the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon investigation officers arrested JENNIFER BETTERTON, 47 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, for Assault in the Fourth Degree-Domestic Violence. She was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held without bail.

On 4/28/2012 at about 1432 hours, officers were dispatched to the Totem Bar on the report of concern for the welfare of an intoxicated female. Upon arriving officers contacted LARENA BAINTEER, 41 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, who showed signs of being intoxicated and was found to have conditions of release which prohibited her from drinking alcohol. She was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release and transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held on \$500.00 bail.

On 4/29/12 at about 2012 hours, officers contacted CLARENCE PEELE, 29 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, inside a Water Street bar. Mr. Peele was warned about drunken persons on licensed premises and sent on his way. He was contacted again after complaints of Mr. Peele trying to fight people on Front Street. He was again found inside a bar on Front Street and was arrested for Drunken Persons on Licensed Premise. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was booked and set to be released on his own recognizance.

On 4/30/12 at about 0631 hours, officers arrested DARREN R. BAINES, 21 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska, on an outstanding warrant for Vehicle Theft in the First Degree. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was held on \$10,000.00 bail.

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All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty*

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