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PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 21, 2008

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Incident Title: Attempted Murder & Assault III

Case Number: 08-1113

On Saturday, 01-19-2008, at approximately 2107 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department responded to 505 Stewart Street for a report of "shots fired". Investigation revealed that Jeffrey Brian JOHNKINS, (29 years of age), had shot his wife, April JOHNKINS (31 yoa) during a domestic dispute.

According to witness, victim, and suspect statements, Jeffrey JOHNKINS drove to 505 Stewart Street as April (already at that location) was preparing to leave in another vehicle with her sister and the JOHNKINS' 3 year old daughter. An argument ensued between the JOHNKINS', which led to Jeffrey attempting to physically assault April. April was a passenger in the vehicle, with her sister the driver, and the JOHNKINS' 3 year old daughter in the back seat.

April JOHNKINS' sister attempted to drive away during the argument at which time Jeffrey JOHNKINS began to fire at the vehicle several times with a handgun. During the shooting, April JOHNKINS was struck several times, none of which were fatal. April JOHNKINS was driven to FMH by her sister and rushed into surgery. The other occupants in the vehicle were not injured.

FPD officers were given information on the suspect following the shooting and advised that he was at 311 11th Avenue. Upon arrival, a perimeter was set up and Jeffrey JOHNKINS emerged from the apartment and onto an upstairs porch with guns in each hand. JOHNKINS initially walked down a flight of stairs and towards officers, refusing all verbal commands to drop the guns. JOHNKINS held guns in each hand and kept them positioned at his sides. JOHNKINS finally dropped the guns and was taken into custody.

JOHNKINS was taken back to FPD and interviewed on his involvement in this incident. JOHNKINS was booked at FCC on three counts of Attempted Murder I and one count of Assault III. April JOHNKINS is still hospitalized as of 1-21-08 in stable condition. April JOHNKINS sustained wounds to both her left and right hands.

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