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PRESS RELEASE

Date: 11/25/2008

Location: 1502 Wilbur St

Incident: Escape

Case #: 08-22993

On 11-25-2008 at 1718 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department received a report from a citizen that there was a native female at Eagan St and Wilbur St wearing waist cuffs trying to flag down passing motorists.

Officers responded to the area and while enroute dispatchers determined that a 17 year old white female had escaped custody from the Juvenile Justice Officer who was transporting her back to FYF from a medical appointment. The juvenile was last seen by the JJO at 1710 hours and was wearing a waist belt handcuff restraint. She was not wearing a coat or anything that would protect her from cold temperatures.

All officers on duty and several employees from FYF searched the area for approximately 45 minutes with no leads and no additional reports of anyone seeing the escaped juvenile until the juvenile contacted a resident on McCullum Ave. The resident saw the juvenile was wearing a waist restraint; however, he gave her a sweatshirt and after she left, notified his girlfriend, who called police.

Officers intensified their search and found that the juvenile called for a cab from a business near her last known location. Dispatchers contacted the cab companies and obtained a location where the juvenile was dropped off.

Officers responded to D St and Farewell Av where they met with the cab driver, who provided information about the residence the juvenile wearing a waist restraint entered. Officers contacted residents, who confirmed the juvenile was inside. At 1830 hours, the juvenile was taken into custody without further incident.

The juvenile had successfully removed one handcuff and the leather waist restraint, which had been cut, prior to her capture and arrest. She was charged with Escape III and Criminal Mischief IV. No other charges against the escaped juvenile or anyone else is anticipated.

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CC: City Mayor
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