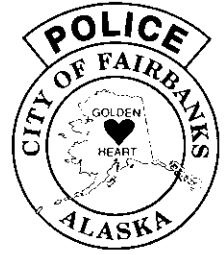




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PRESS RELEASE

Incident: Strong Arm Robbery **Location:** 500 block 2nd Ave

Case Number: 09-16006

Date: August 3, 2009

At approximately 1600 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department was notified of an attempted robbery that occurred on the 500 block of 2nd Avenue. A woman, who resides in the Fairbanks area, reported a man attempted to snatch her purse from her while she was walking up to her vehicle. The suspect was described as a white male with red hair wearing a tan vest, flannel shirt, blue jeans and a baseball cap. Additionally, the suspect was riding a bicycle during the incident and fled southbound along Cushman Street.

Fairbanks Police responded and located a subject matching the description on the 1400 block of South Cushman. The subject was identified as Fairbanks resident Gary Lee Reese, 1-21-59.

Reese was subsequently arrested and remanded at the Fairbanks Correctional Facility for Robbery 2nd degree Disorderly Conduct, after he fought with an officer at the Fairbanks Police Department.

The woman was not injured.

The investigation revealed that Reese may have attempted to steal another woman's purse in the same area just prior to this incident. Anyone with any information about either of these incidents is requested to contact the Fairbanks Police Department immediately at 450-6500.

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Press Board