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*KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT*  
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On 02/21/19 at approximately 1842 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Tongass Avenue for a report of a male causing a disturbance. Officers responded and contacted Thomas Copeland, age 55. Mr. Copeland became combative when officers attempted to place him into hand restraints and assaulted one officer. Mr. Copeland was arrested and transported to state jail where he was booked on Assault in the Fourth Degree - Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. He was held on \$1,000.00 bail.

On 02/22/19 at 1220 hours, Craig Leask, age 37, was contacted in a vehicle on Lotus Street due to a report of people sleeping in the vehicle which had been parked and running all morning. Mr. Leask had an outstanding arrest warrant. He was arrested and transported to the state jail where he was held on \$5,000.00 bail.

On 02/23/2019 at approximately 0148 hours, Officers contacted Melissa Wallace, age 43, in the 100 block of Whitecliff Avenue during a traffic stop. Ms. Wallace was asked to perform standard field sobriety tests which she failed. She was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and transported to the state jail. She was held on \$500 bail.

On 02/24/2019 at approximately 1008 hours, Officers contacted Richard Melvin, age 58, in the 1200 block of Schoenbar Road. He was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant. The case stems from a February 2019 incident charging Mr. Melvin with two counts of Violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order. He was transported to the state jail and held on no bail.

On 02/25/19 at approximately 0030 hours, Officers were requested in the area of 1000 Block Water Street for report of a vehicle driving east in the west bound lane. Officers located and stopped the vehicle in the 1300 block of Water Street. The driver was identified as Colleen M. Coggins, age 42. Ms. Coggins was found to be intoxicated. She failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Ms. Coggins was transported to the state jail where she was booked in on the charge of Driving Under the Influence and held on \$500.00 bail. Ms. Coggins was also charged with Driving While License Revoked.

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On 02/25/19 at approximately 2010 hours, Officers were requested to the area of 400 Main Street for a report of an assault that had just occurred. Officers arrived and contacted Sara A. Starkweather, age 36. Ms. Starkweather was arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree. She was transported to the state jail and held on \$1,000.00 bail.

On 02/25/19 at approximately 2115 hours, Officers contacted Mitchell A. Volpi, age 35, in the 300 block of Main Street. He was arrested on two outstanding warrants. One case originates from an October 2018 Misconduct Involving Controlled Substances – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree charge and the other case from a February 2019 Violation of Conditions charge. Mr. Volpi failed to appear for bail hearings in both cases. He was transported to the state jail, booked and held on \$500.00 bail.

On 02/27/19 at approximately 1407 hours, Howard Falkner, age 36, was contacted in the 1900 block of Tongass Avenue. He was served a summons ordering him to appear in court for Theft in the Fourth Degree. The charge is from a February 2019 incident.

On 02/27/19 at approximately 2040 hours, Officers contacted Martin L. Prather Jr., age 47, in the 3800 block of Baranof Avenue. Mr. Prather was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failing to appear in court on the charge of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The charged originated from a 2005 incident. He was transported to the state jail and held on \$5000.00 bail.

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