

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On 08/25/19 at approximately 2129 hours, officers contacted Shane Vanorden, age 41, for striking a parked vehicle and then leaving the scene of the accident. After failing field sobriety tests, he was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and Action of Operator Immediately after Accident. He was transported to the state jail and set to be released on his own recognizance.

On 08/26/19 at about 0112 hours, officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Tongass Avenue for a report of a domestic dispute. Officers contacted Richard Wetherill, age 37. He was arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree – Domestic Violence. Mr. Wetherill was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 08/26/19 at approximately 1801 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Tongass Avenue due to a report of a hit and run traffic collision. Officers contacted Katy B. Hamilton, age 36, as the driver. She was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test. Officers contacted Daniel I. Yutronich, age 29. He drove the vehicle after the collision and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. They both were booked at the state jail and set to be released on their own recognizance.

On 08/27/19 at approximately 0733 hours, officers responded to the 1400 block of Jackson Street due to a report of a domestic assault. Benjamin James Jr., age 61, was arrested for two counts of Assault in the 4th Degree – Domestic Violence. He was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 08/27/19 at approximately 0124 hours, officers contacted Kyle Wolfe, age 34, for speeding. After failing field sobriety tests, he was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and for Probation Violation. He was transported to the state jail where he was held without bail.

On 08/27/2019 at approximately 2156 hours, officers responded to the 200 block of Madison for the report of domestic violence. Officers contacted Richard Finger, age 53. After further investigation, Mr. Finger was arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree – Domestic Violence. Mr. Finger was transported to the state jail where he was held without bail.

On 08/30/19 at approximately 0016 hours, officers contacted Tanya Bitonti, age 41, in the 400 block of Main Street due to her having an outstanding arrest warrant. The warrant was for Petition to Revoke Probation. She was arrested and transported to the state jail where she was held on \$100.00 bail.

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On 8/30/19 at approximately 2036 hours, officers responded to Herring Way for a report of a domestic assault that just occurred. Based upon the information provided, Ouida Trout-Roelfs, age 48, was later contacted and arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree – Domestic Violence. She was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 08/31/19 at approximately 0116 hours, officers contacted Gilmore White, age 33, in the 300 block of Main Street. He was served a summons ordering him to appear in court for a charge of Theft in the 4th Degree.

On 08/31/19 at approximately 0554 hours, officers contacted Tanya Bitonti, age 41, in the 400 block of Main Street. A records check showed her to have an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The warrant was for Petition to Revoke Probation. She was arrested and transported to the state jail where she was held on \$200.00 bail.

On 08/31/19 at approximately 1759 hours, officers contacted Crystal R. Skultka, age 30, on East Street. She was arrested for two outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear for Status Hearing and Violation of Conditions of Release. She was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 09/03/19 at approximately 1833 hours, officers responded to the 3300 block of Tongass Avenue. Officers contacted Dean Davis, age 52. Mr. Davis had valid conditions of release not to consume or possess alcohol. After further investigation, Mr. Davis was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release. He was transported to the state jail and held on \$250.00 bail.

On 09/04/19 at approximately 0830 hours, an investigation began regarding a fight involving a weapon that occurred on 09/03/19 at about 1700 hours at Dudley Field. The investigation revealed Cristian Fernandez-Alexie, age 19, brandished a hand gun during the fight. He was arrested for Assault in the 3rd Degree and Misconduct Involving Weapons in the 4th Degree. He was transported to the state jail and held without bail.

On 09/04/19 at approximately 1600 hours, officers contacted Jeremy Orin, age 29, in the 300 block of Main Street where he was served a summons for Petition to Revoke Probation.

On 09/06/19 at approximately 1247 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and contacted Tanya Bitonti, age 41, as the operator. A record check showed her Alaska driver's license to be suspended. She was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and transported to the state jail where she was set to be released on her own recognizance.

On 09/06/19 at approximately 1614 hours, officers contacted Nicholas Burbary, age 39, on Denali Avenue due to a report of him smelling like alcohol, picking up a child from school and driving away. Mr. Burbary was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor in the 1st Degree. He was transported to the state jail and held on \$500.00 bail.

On 09/09/19 at approximately 1105 hours, officers contacted Darian Bliss, age 29, at a business in the 2400 block of Tongass Avenue due to a report of a male yelling and creating a disturbance. Mr. Bliss was found to be intoxicated, which violated his conditions of release. He was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release, transported to the state jail and held on \$250.00 bail.

On 09/10/19 at approximately 0230 hours, officers contacted Maria L. McDaniel, age 35, in the 300 block of Mission Street. She was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear for arraignment on a Criminal Trespass charge. She was transported to the state jail and held on \$50.00 bail.

On 09/10/19 at approximately 1131 hours, officers contacted Samantha Wright, age 24, and Donte Nix, age 24, in the 1200 block of Woodside Drive. They were both served a summons charging each with one count of Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree. The charge stems from an incident in August 2019.

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