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**Wasilla Police & Alaska State Trooper activity at Parks Hwy and Main St**

On 3/14/18, the Wasilla Police received information a person was being held against their will at gunpoint in the Wasilla area. In addition, there was a demand for money or drugs in exchange for the victim's safe return.


Information was obtained showing the suspect vehicle and the victim were likely together in the core area of Wasilla.

The suspect vehicle was located and officers from the Wasilla Police Department and the Alaska State Troopers attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle initially attempted to flee before being involved in a minor accident at the intersection of the Parks Hwy and Main St. Minor injuries were reported by an occupant of the suspect vehicle.

Investigation showed the initial report was unfounded. Kenneth Coburn, age 43 of Anchorage, was the reported victim and the driver of the suspect vehicle. Coburn was arrested on charges of Fail to Stop at the Direction of a Police Officer First Degree, and 4 counts of Assault 3 as a result of his actions. He was remanded to Matsu Pretrial and bail was set at \$20,000 cash / corporate. An additional occupant, Jordan Melton, age 32 of Wasilla, was remanded on an outstanding warrant for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Investigation into the initial report is ongoing and further charges may be pending.

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