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## Our Local Police Report

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Call 911 for emergencies or assistance

The following report covers Police related business for the time period of 12/10/09 -12/23/2009.

- Police assisted DOT when moving derelict vehicles from the airport to the landfill where they will be destroyed. Police flagged traffic to avoid any collisions.
- Police served civil papers on a resident after receiving them in the mail.
- A report of numerous shots fired in the north end of town resulted in the findings that a man was legally duck hunting in the Seldovia Lagoon area.
- A man who owned a vacant structure in Seldovia asked that the main breaker be turned off so he would not be getting electric bills that were excessive.
- A vehicle was observed with expired registration and a warning notice was attached to it along with an application form. You must keep your vehicles registered and you must have vehicle insurance in Seldovia the same as in the rest of our state.
- Police assisted the EMT's in a medi-vac of a man to the Homer Hospital.
- A man was contacted following a report that he was making threatening statements toward another resident. The man denied making the statements and the accusations could not be proven so no further action was taken by the Police.
- Police stopped a man on a snow machine for driving in excess of the 15 mph speed limit inside the City Limits. A verbal warning was given.
- The Office of Children's Services (OCS) requested Police provide transportation for a lady from their office to the school when she arrived at the airport.
- Police received a report of two dogs being aggressive toward people. The owner of the dogs was contacted and told of the report and of the violation of letting dogs run at large within the City Limits.
- A youngster reported he was walking his dog down Main Street and was accosted by another animal that was aggressive toward him and his dog. The owner was contacted and a verbal warning was given regarding the animal being permitted to run at large.

NOTE: More and more dogs are being seen running at large. For a time people were being vigilant about keeping their dogs up but that is starting to change. Police will continue enforcing the Animal Control Laws so if you do not keep the dogs contained citations will be issued. Please avoid citations and be responsible for your animals. Everyone, including the animals, benefit from the laws.

- A man was arrested on a Bench Warrant for "Failure to Appear in Court" on charges of "No Vehicle Liability Insurance". At arraignment he pled "No Contest" and was fined \$500 with a \$50 surcharge. No further action was taken by the Court and he was ordered released. State law requires you carry liability insurance on any vehicle you are operating and to avoid doing so is a Misdemeanor Crime.
- A man slipped off the road into a ditch on Jakolof Bay Road due to the icy conditions. DOT pulled his vehicle back onto the

roadway with the State grader. Police conducted traffic control during the evacuation.

Another year is about to become history and with this time of the year comes celebrations. Alcohol always seems to be part of the celebrations and that, at times, leads to other problems. If you are going to drink, do so responsibly. Make arrangements for transportation and don't take the chance of being in an accident or being arrested on DUI charges. With State Laws being what they are now, you will find even a 1st offense DUI to be very impacting. You will go to jail for three days, get a \$1500 fine, have to pay for an alcohol program, and have to pay a number of different surcharges. You'll have to pay other fees as well and will lose your privilege to drive for 90 days. When you do test and get your license reinstated, after the 90 day suspension, you will have to pay for the installation of an Interlock Ignition Device and it's upkeep for one year. You will be restricted to drive only vehicles that have the Device installed for a year and you will have to file for SR22 high risk insurance for three years. This all takes place before you will be again given the privilege to again drive. You will be placed on probation for one year. More and more people are losing their lives as a result of people driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It's hardly worth taking the chance or going through all of this just for the short drive home. God help us if someone were injured or killed as a result of you're driving while under the influence. Be responsible and save yourself and others a lot of expense and grief and plan ahead.

I hope you had a Very Merry Christmas and wishing you a safe and prosperous New Year. BE SAFE OUT THERE!

## Tips From Andy...

### RETRACTION and DISCLAIMER::

The "Tips from Andy" are provided as information, to our citizens and friends to be alert to potential situations that may arise. Unfortunately, as it was a "new" addition to the Police Report section, we did not perform our own due diligence to confirm the validity of the previous "Tips". It has come to our attention that some of them may have been "hoaxes" and we apologize for misleading anyone in any way.

Please click on the below links to view some of what we've uncovered about these stories.

[Hotel Key Hoax](#)

[Preventing Swine Flu](#)

[Walmart Cashback Scam](#)

[2 Way Mirror?](#)

I have discussed this with the Chief, and we are in agreement that with any future tips we will work harder to check on the reliability of the advice by checking with Google, BreakTheChain, Hoax-Slayer or Snopes, etc. It is important to note, that even with the checking of this information, we are relying on the truth of yet another internet source.

So, in closing, please understand that we are trying to give help, not to harm or mislead in any way our readership. Another lesson in Internet safety - it is always good to check on the information - especially before you pass it on. Interesting, that is this week's tip!!

Thank you for understanding my mistake on this one!

- Jenny Chissus - Editor, Seldovia Gazette

## Good Advice about emails

A friend who's a computer expert received the following from a system administrator for a corporate system. It is an excellent message that absolutely applies to all of us who send emails. Please read the short letter below, even if you're sure you already follow proper procedures. Do you really know how to forward emails? Only 50% of us do.

Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail and hate it? Every time you forward an email there is information left over from the people who got it before you. Namely their email addresses and names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses build and build, until all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus and his/her computer can send that virus to every email address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell or send them junk mail in the hopes that you'll go to the site and he'll make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel! How do you stop it? There are several easy steps. Try the following if you aren't doing it already:

(1) When you forward an email, delete all of the addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, delete them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You must click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an email to more than one person, do not use the To: or Cc: fields for adding addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the addresses. This way the people you send to will only see their own email address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any 'FW ' in the subject line. You can rename the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) Always hit your Forward button from the actual email you are reading. Ever get those emails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many emails just to see what you sent.

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and addresses. A FACT: The petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of names and addresses contained there. Do not put your email address on any petition. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and addresses on a petition. (And don't believe the ones that say that the email is being traced, it just ain't so!)

Some of the other emails to delete and not forward are:

1. The one that says something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or sometimes they'll just tease you by saying 'some-thing really cute will happen.' IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN! (We're still seeing some of the same emails from 10 years ago!)

2. I don't let the bad luck ones scare you, they get trashed.

3. Before you forward an 'Amber Alert', or a 'Virus Alert', or some of the other emails floating around now-a-days, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, don't pass it on.

Another way to check if a real virus exists is to pull up Google as a web browser and type in the title of the suspect virus, ie: mad cow virus, then enter it. Google will display a number of sources that will verify it as a virus or as a hoax.

So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses and be a good email neighbor.

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