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On March 25th, the Barrow Grand Jury met and indicted the following individuals on Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, the possession of marijuana for sale. Michael Jerome Fitzpatrick, age 29 of Kenai and Craig Travis Williamson, age 27 of Fairbanks were indicted by the Barrow Grand Jury based upon an investigation conducted by the Borough's Investigation Unit which seized 416 baggies of marijuana with a street value of over \$41,000 last fall.

Neither Fitzpatrick or Williamson live in Barrow but did travel frequently to the city. Both men will be summoned to Barrow for their arraignments in Superior Court where bail and a court date will be set.

A third individual was indicted for Possession of Marijuana for Sale, after he was stopped at the Barrow airport with over \$2,000 worth of marijuana. The name of the individual was not released, as an arrest warrant was issued with bail set at \$1,000.

In Fairbanks, on March 26th, Ilija Mitreski, who was arrested last Oct. for mailing cocaine to Barrow was sentenced to six years in jail with three suspended. Mitreski, originally from New Jersey had sent over

12 ounces of cocaine to Barrow through the U.S. Post Office over a 45 day period during Sept. and Oct. last year. Investigators from the Borough worked with postal authorities and the Alaska State Troopers investigating the case.

On March 26th, about 7:50 am a report was received from an individual fell from scaffolding at the Central Gathering Facility, in Prudhoe Bay. Michael Bryan, age 49 was transported to the ARCO Medical Facility where he was pronounced dead. Officers in Prudhoe Bay are continuing the investigation. The cause of death has not been determined, pending the results of an autopsy.

On March 29th, at 3:30 pm a fire was reported at the Tanko Shop Building, located on East Lake Colleen Road, Prudhoe Bay.

The ARCO Fire Dept. and the State of Alaska Airport fire crews responded to and extinguished the fire.

A storage tank, pickup truck and a small loader were destroyed in the fire. The building was damaged extensively. An estimate is not available at this time. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

On March 29th, at 6:10 pm, the Dept. of Public Safety

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received a report of a fire at the Sam & Lee's restaurant at 1052 Kiogak Street, Barrow. Responding Public Safety Officers arrived at 6:11 pm and observed thick smoke and flames coming from the restaurant's doors and windows. All occupants of the building were evacuated safely with no injuries being reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

On Friday, April 2nd, Dept. of Public Safety Officers and NSB Fire Dept. personnel responded to a Barrow residence regarding an individual suffering from a gun shot wound.

Investigation at the scene has indicated an accidental discharge of the weapon, causing a self inflicted gun shot wound to the left shoulder area of Jacob Negovanna, age 21. Negovanna was treated at PHS and transported to Anchorage by Search and Rescue for additional treatment.

On April 2, about 2:00 pm, Officer Rusty Booth and Officer Paul Lhotka received information alcohol was being shipped into Barter Island.

Two boxes shipped as freight from Prudhoe Bay were seized at Barter Island and 15 bottles of liquor were confiscated. The investigation is continuing.

On April 2, about 8:00 pm,

Officer Ernie Berry responded to a call of a shooting in Nuiqsut. At the NSB Clinic he found the victim, a two year old who had been shot in the abdomen with a BB from a BB gun. The two year old was medivaced to Barrow and then on to Anchorage where surgery was performed to remove the BB. The victim is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Investigation revealed the victim's three year old brother found a BB gun in the furnace room of their residence and accidentally shot his sister. Names are withheld as suspect and victim are both juveniles.

On April 2, at about 5:45 pm, Officer Chris Stettler and Officer Chris Dunbar responded to reports of drug trafficking in Anaktuvuk Pass. They contacted Diane Lou Thomas, age 34, a Fairbanks resident. A search warrant was served for her belongings and 72 half gram baggies of marijuana, valued at approximately \$2400, were seized. Thomas was arrested and charged with Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree. She was held in the Anaktuvuk Pass Jail overnight on \$5,000 bail. She was arraigned and transported to the Fairbanks Correctional Center.