

Borough blotter:

A polar bear had been shot by Ellis Patkotak in Barrow at 3 a.m. Dec. 11. Patkotak used a 30-06 rifle firing two shots from within his residence. The incident was witnessed by Olive Rexford who was 45 feet away said North Slope Borough Public Safety officials.

NSB Fish and Wildlife representatives came to the scene and release the carcass to Patkotak. The bear was estimated to be six feet long and two years old. No injuries or damage to property was reported.

North Slope Borough (NSB) Public Safety Officers in Point Hope received information from the Alaska State Troopers in Kotzebue reporting a 14 year old Pt. Hope female resident had been sexually abused by 19 year old Delmar Ipalook, also of Pt. Hope. Following an investigation by the NSB in Pt. Hope, Ipalook was arrested last week and charged with one count of Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the Second Degree.

The investigation is continuing at this time.