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ANCHORAGE

Slain man identified

The man Anchorage police shot and killed Monday morning has been identified as 45-year-old Frederick Jones.

Officers fatally shot Jones after he approached them with a shotgun and wouldn't put it down, according to police.

The shooting happened outside an apartment building in the 2800 block of West 31st Avenue in Turnagain. Police were responding to a 911 call from a woman who said she had been assaulted by her husband and had fled to a neighbor's apartment. The call came just after 4:30 a.m.

When police arrived, they found Jones had barricaded himself inside the home. Officers tried to get in, and soon he came out with a shotgun, they say.

As is usual with police shootings, the officers involved were placed on administrative leave. Their names have not yet been released.

The incident happened off Turnagain Street in West Anchorage, south of Northern Lights Boulevard and east of Wisconsin Street.

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FAIRBANKS

Boy's body recovered

Emergency responders have recovered the body of an 11-year-old boy who fell off a snowmachine and slipped under the ice of the Chena River near downtown Fairbanks. The body of Peter Demoski was recovered just before 3 a.m. Wednesday.

The boy and a 10-year-old friend were riding snowachines on the river at about 6 p.m. Tuesday and hit a patch of open water. Peter Demoski was ejected from his machine and fell into the water.

Fairbanks police Lt. Dan Welborn said the water is just 2 or 3 feet deep in that section of the river but the boy was pulled by the current under the ice. The boy's body was found about 120 feet downstream from where he entered the water.

-- The Associated Press

STATEWIDE

\$900,000 awarded

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded \$900,000 to an Alaska foundation to support educational programs for low-income and minority populations.

The money will be invested by the Rasmuson Foundation over the next two years in organizations that promote college readiness and support postsecondary success for rural and minority students.

Foundation President Diane Kaplan said the investment will let her organization advance Alaska programs with proven track records and test new ideas. The money will be distributed to organizations and projects selected by the foundation. Unsolicited proposals are not being accepted.

-- The Associated Press

JUNEAU

Oil leak meeting set

Coast Guard and state officials are holding an open house to discuss plans for assessing a shipwreck believed to the source of oil sheens in the Juneau area. The Princess Kathleen wrecked off Lena Point in 1952 with an estimated 155,000 gallons of fuel on board. The Unified Command team said the wreckage lays in 80 to 140 feet of water and periodically causes small oil sheens.

Divers are set to examine the ship to determine how much fuel is left on board. Chief PettyOfficer Mark Mackowiak said he wouldn't call the current situation a hazard but said officials want to do all they can to mitigate any problems.

Today's open house is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center.

-- The Associated Press