



## **Alaska State Troopers Conduct Manhunt for Wanted Man in Northwest Arctic**



**Jason Douglas Black**

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(KOTZEBUE, Alaska) –Alaska State Troopers are looking for an armed man who has been eluding authorities by snowmachining between villages in the Northwest Arctic. The suspect, Jason Douglas Black, 26, of Kotzebue, has been traveling between Kiana, Noorvik and Selawik on snowmachines that may be stolen and is considered armed and dangerous. The non-profit Maniilaq Assoc., through its Village Public Safety Officer Program, is offering a \$1,000 reward for definitive information leading to Black’s arrest. The manhunt for Black began after a Village Police Officer in Kiana called Alaska State Troopers at 12:33 p.m. on Dec. 7 to report Black sexually assaulted a young woman there. Black then fled the village and, armed with an AR-15 rifle, headed toward Noorvik on a snowmachine. Alaska State Troopers responded to Kiana to investigate the sexual assault. At 6:37 p.m., troopers received a report from a Noorvik Village Police Officer that Black was in the village, intoxicated and pointed the gun at the VPO. By the time troopers arrived in Noorvik at approximately 8 p.m., Black had reportedly fled to Selawik. Once in Selawik, troopers were unable to locate Black. He may be using cabins between Selawik and Noorvik to elude authorities. It is possible he may travel to Shungnak where he has lived in the past.

Troopers obtained two warrants for Black’s arrest – a \$25,000 warrant charging him with first-degree sexual assault that occurred in Kiana and a \$25,000 warrant charging him with felony third-degree assault from Noorvik.

During the four days troopers have been attempting to apprehend Black, efforts have been hampered by other calls for service in the villages where Black is traveling between. While in the villages looking for Black on Dec. 7-8, Alaska State Troopers arrested four other suspects in unrelated cases and investigated another felony assault case. Two members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joined the search in the area on Dec. 9.

Due to the seriousness of the situation and the volume of other calls for service in the area, Alaska State Troopers are sending extra resources, including members of the Special Emergency Reaction Team, to join the search for Black. Two other troopers are responding to Kotzebue to handle other calls that come in from the 10 villages the post services in the Northwest Arctic Borough.

If seen, do not approach Black because he is considered armed and dangerous. Instead, contact Alaska State Troopers in Kotzebue at (907)442-3222 or toll free at 1-800-789-3222.