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DATE: 11/24/2009

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Assault with Knife

CASE NO.: 09403402

INCIDENT DATE :11/24/2009

INCIDENT TIME: 0747 hours

INCIDENT LOCATION: Out Front of 32 East First Street

SUBJECT: Woman threatens two demonstrators with knife

BY: Officer Brad Wick, Information Coordinator

On Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 7:47 AM, Duluth Police investigated the report by two female anti-abortion demonstrators that they had been threatened by a female with a knife. The incident happened out front of the Building for Women, 32 East First Street.

Officers were told that the female suspect was on her way to the Building for Women and had a verbal exchange with the two demonstrators. During the exchange, the suspect held a knife in a threatening manner to the neck area of one of the demonstrators and told her to stop talking to her. When the second demonstrator went to help the first, the suspect made a threatening gesture towards her with the knife. The suspect then went into the Building for Women. Neither of the female demonstrators was injured during the incident.

The female with the knife was found inside the Building for Women and identified as Mechelle Talluah Hall, age 25 of Superior. Hall was taken into custody and transported to the St. Louis County Jail where she is being held pending formal charges for two counts of Second Degree Assault. The knife was located in Hall's purse.

At this time the incident has been referred to the Duluth Police Department Violent Crimes Unit, no further details are available.