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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject: Another Sleepy Male Behind the Wheel Arrested for Drugs** 

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On 3-18-13, at about 3:30 PM, an officer with the Eureka Police Department received a tip about a male subject passed out inside a white van parked on the 1500 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Eureka. The officer responded to the location and located the white Chrysler van in the parking lot of the apartment building there.

The officer approached the van and observed a male subject, later identified as Michael Edward Sovereign, slumped over in the driver's seat. The officer woke Sovereign who stated he was "just taking a nap." A records check revealed Sovereign was on formal felony probation for possession of a controlled substance. His probation terms included submitting to search and seizure.

During a subsequent search of Sovereign's person pursuant to his probation conditions, the officer located a baggie containing approximately 12.3 grams (nearly ½ ounce) of crystal methamphetamine.

The officer then conducted an additional probation search at Sovereign's nearby apartment. Inside Sovereign's room, the officer located a realistic air soft pistol with its safety markings removed, drug use paraphernalia (glass meth pipe), and a hockey puck-

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sized piece of suspected concentrated cannabis/hash (approximately 41.2 grams or 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces).

Sovereign, age 67 of Eureka, was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance and probation violation.

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MICHAEL SOVEREIGN







