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PAROLEE ARRESTED WITH LOADED GUN

On 01-10-11 at approximately 0246 hrs, an Officer from the Eureka Police Department conducted an enforcement stop on a black Volkswagen Jetta for a traffic code violation. The vehicle was occupied by four (4) subjects. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Tommy Allen HORTON (35 of Arcata.) A local warrant check revealed HORTON had a Felony warrant for his arrest. HORTON was arrested without incident.

Officers were able to obtain picture identification from the two (2) females in the vehicle but the other male occupant claimed he didn't have any form of identification. As an Officer spoke with the subject he noticed the subject appeared nervous and wouldn't make eye contact. The subject claimed his last name was McCovey, but when the Officer asked him to spell his last name he spelled it incorrectly. Officers removed the subject from the vehicle and detained him in handcuffs. During a search of the subjects' person, Officers located a loaded Glock handgun concealed in the subjects' pants pocket. The subject was eventually identified as Matthew Robert PAINTER (32 of Eureka). PAINTER is on active parole and has only been out of prison for approximately one (1) week. PAINTER had also failed to report to his Parole Officer after his release from prison.

PAINTER was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of a loaded firearm, and a felon in possession of ammunition. PAINTER is also being held on a Parole Hold.

HORTON was booked on his Felony warrant.

The two (2) female passengers were identified and released at the scene.

