

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Detective Sergeant Patrick O'Neill

Murder Suspect Arrested

On 1-8-2010 at about 2039 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Humboldt Street to a reported shots fired call. It was reported to the Eureka Police Dispatch center that three (3) shots had been heard, followed by a large amount of yelling.

Upon arrival Officers located a single male subject down in the roadway and several subjects physically fighting. The down subject was unresponsive and bleeding. A Eureka Police Officer administered life saving efforts, until medical personnel arrived. However, the subject succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The scene was quickly secured, with the assistance of Deputies of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, and several subjects were detained and interviewed. Eureka Police Detectives and forensic processing personnel soon responded to the scene to investigate. Due to the large crime scene and vast amount of interviews to be conducted, a mutual aid request was made to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office and their personnel assisted in the investigation.

Through the investigation it was determined that an argument took place between the deceased and a male subject at a nearby apartment. The argument became heated and shots were fired. The victim was struck while attempting to flee the scene. The suspect and a female companion fled the scene.

The suspect was identified as Tellest Antwion Keyes (28 years old of Eureka). The female companion was identified as Jessica Diane Montel (21 years old of Eureka).

Since the shooting, Detectives have been following up on leads concerning Keyes' and Montel's locations. On 1-12-2009, Detectives tracked Keyes and Montel to a Greyhound bus headed out of state. It was learned that the bus would be making a stop in Los Angeles, Ca. A mutual aid request was made of LAPD in attempts to apprehend Keyes and Montel. At about 2:15 pm, Keyes was taken into custody by LAPD. Montel was also located, along with her infant child. Montel was detained and then released, pending complaint review by the Humboldt County District Attorney's office, concerning her involvement in this crime. The second child has been located and is in the care of relatives.

Keyes will be booked into the Los Angeles County Jail, pending extradition back to Humboldt County to face charges in this matter. His bail is set at \$1,000,000.

This case is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.