



## Police Department Press Release

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**Subject :** Man Stabbed at Local Motel

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On January 11, 2011, at about 2:05 AM, the Eureka Police Department's Patrol Division responded to a motel near the 1100-block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street for a reported stabbing victim. Officers found a 44 year-old Eureka man with a stab wound to his upper back. Medical Aid responded to assist and transported him to Saint Joseph Emergency Room where he was treated for his injury. Officers located a witness who led them to a motel room where the stabbing took place, and the suspect was reported to be hiding. Officers setup a perimeter around the motel as a second witness exited the room the suspect was hiding in. That witness told Officers the suspect was still in the room, was attempting to hide the weapon, and clean up the blood evidence.

Officers contacted Steven Richard Mooney (a 21 year-old Eureka man) as he exited the motel room a few minutes later. Mooney was taken into custody without incident. A short time later the knife used in the assault was located hidden in the toilet bowl. Officers interviewed the witnesses, suspect, and victim to get an idea of what happened. Mooney admitted that he had allowed one male, a second male who ended up getting stabbed, and a female to stay in his motel room with him that night. When Mooney found the victim had eaten too much food, he asked him to leave the room. Officers learned that when the victim did not vacate the room fast enough Mooney stabbed him once with a knife.

Mooney was subsequently booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for assault with a deadly weapon (a felony under California's Penal Code), and for a violation of his Felony County Probation. The victim in this investigation is expected to make a full recovery from his injuries.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Terry Liles at 707-441-4032.

Reference case# 3C11-277

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Steven Richard Mooney

