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Subject: Coke Dealer Arrested

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During the second week of January 2012, a Eureka Police Department officer received information that a male subject by the name of “Gabe” was selling cocaine. The officer contacted “Gabe” via phone. Gabe expressed his willingness to meet with the officer (who was acting in an under cover capacity) and sell him an “eight ball” of cocaine (1/8th ounce).

Investigators with the Eureka Police Department’s Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) began planning an operation to set up and arrest “Gabe” for cocaine sales.

On the evening of 1/11/12, investigators responded to a motel on south Broadway where the under cover officer had earlier arranged a meeting with Gabe to buy cocaine from him. At about 5:50 PM, Gabe, later identified as Gabriel Talamantes (age 33), arrived at the motel room and knocked on the door. Investigators were waiting for him inside and Talamantes was taken into custody without incident.

Detectives searched Talamantes incident to his arrest on suspicion of cocaine distribution. Inside his pants pocket, they located a sealed plastic baggy containing approximately 3.5 grams of powder cocaine (an “8-ball”). Talamantes was holding a plastic Pelican case when he arrived at the room. Inside the case, investigators located a digital gram scale and two more sealed baggies of cocaine. In all, approximately one ounce (25.7 grams gross weight) of cocaine was found in his possession.



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Talamantes was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional facility where he was booked for transportation and possession of cocaine for sale and for probation violation.

Anyone with information concerning suspected drug sales activity occurring in Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373 or the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 444-8095.

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Gabriel Talamantes



