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Subject: Suspected Burglar Arrested in Old Town

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On 1/16/10 at about 1:43 AM, Eureka Police Department officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress which was occurring in an alley on the 900 Block of 3rd Street. As officers were responding to the scene, the reporting party stated that a male suspect had cut the lock off of a storage shed located in the alley and then left the area on foot.

Officers arrived on scene and began searching for the suspect on foot. As one officer walked into an alley on the 800 Block of 3rd Street, he saw the suspect attempting to cut the lock off another storage shed with a pair of bolt cutters. The officer gave the suspect verbal commands to get on the ground. The suspect didn't follow the officer's commands and fled on foot. The officer chased the suspect into a yard on the 800 Block of 2nd Street. The suspect attempted to climb over a fence, however the officer was able to pull him off.

The officer attempted to handcuff the suspect, however the suspect resisted. Another officer arrived in the yard and after a short struggle, the officers were able to handcuff the suspect. Upon searching the suspect, officers located a fixed blade dagger in the front pocket of his sweatshirt. Also located on the suspect's person was a "window punch" and keys to a rental vehicle.

Although the suspect originally gave a false name, officers were able to identify him as Marcus Elwin Parton (43). Parton had been wanted since December of 2010 on an outstanding felony warrant for possession of stolen property. Parton was arrested for burglary, possession of a concealed dagger, resisting arrest, probation violation and the warrant. Parton was transported to St. Josephs Hospital for medical clearance due to his struggle with the officers. When the clearance was obtained, Parton was transported to the HCCF and booked for the above listed charges.

After Parton was taken into custody officers located a rental vehicle parked at a local hotel that was associated with Parton. Officers looked in the windows of the car and saw numerous items that were consistent with being items commonly stolen in burglaries. The vehicle was impounded for evidence. Officers will be inventorying the items from the vehicle in hopes of associating them with other burglaries from the area.



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This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Eureka Police Department (441-4044) or Detective Ron Harpham (441-4305).