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Two Suspects Arrested For Burglary in Old Town

On 01-24-11 at approximately 10:22 PM, Eureka Police Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress at a business in the 200 block of 3rd Street. Upon arrival, Officers set up a perimeter around the business. While waiting for a business representative to arrive to allow Officers access to the inside of the business, noises could be heard indicating someone was possibly inside. Just prior to Officers making entry into the business, a suspect opened the back door and exited the building. The suspect was met by Officers and a Police K-9 and was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was identified as Kevin Patrick SIMPSON (38 of Eureka). During a search of SIMPSON's person, items from the business were located concealed in his clothing. Additionally, Officers located numerous items from the business that had been placed near the back door for removal.

Soon after SIMPSON was taken into custody, a second suspect was located hiding under the business. This suspect was also taken into custody without incident. The second suspect was identified as Franklin Keith SMITH (36 of Eureka).

Both SMITH and SIMPSON were transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of Burglary and they each are being held on \$25,000 bail. SMITH is also being held on a parole hold.

The Eureka Police Department believes this is not the first time these two (2) suspects may have entered and removed items from this business. There is a large amount of US currency that is still outstanding from the business. EPD is requesting assistance from local business, most likely in the Old Town/Downtown area, which may have accepted currency with black sharpie writing on it as payment over the past two (2) days. Anyone who has received this currency is urged to contact the Eureka Police Department Criminal Investigation Section at 707-441-4300.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional information will be released as it becomes available.
