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Subject: Meth Dealer Arrested by POP Unit

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During an on-going narcotic sales investigation, detectives with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) received information that a subject by the name of Nu Yang (Hmong male, age 33 years of Eureka) was selling methamphetamine in Eureka. On 1/31/12, a POP investigator contacted Yang via phone. Yang expressed his willingness to meet with the investigator, who was acting in an undercover capacity, and sell him an agreed upon quantity of methamphetamine.

At around 3:30 PM, POP investigators responded to a business on the 1600 block of Myrtle Ave. where Yang had previously arranged to meet the undercover officer to sell him the methamphetamine.

Investigators located Yang seated in his car outside the business and took him into custody on suspicion of attempted sales of a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit said crime (a felony). Yang's girlfriend, Sierra Lee Camilli (age 22), was inside the business when detectives arrived. Camilli unsuccessfully attempted to hide in the bathroom but was arrested there on an outstanding felony warrant (revocation of her post release community supervision agreement).

An EPD K-9 handler responded to the scene with his narcotics detection dog, "Maggie." As Maggie began sniffing the exterior of Yang's car, she suddenly diverted to where Yang was seated nearby in the backseat of an officer's vehicle with the door open.

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Maggie alerted on Yang's person - strongly indicating he was in possession of a controlled substance.

Investigators subsequently located a large plastic baggy containing 1.65 ounces (gross weight) of crystal methamphetamine concealed under Yang's clothing. Additionally, Yang was in possession of over \$3,000.00 cash. The cash, suspected illicit drug sales proceeds, was seized as evidence along with the methamphetamine.

Yang was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance for sale, transportation/attempted sale of a controlled substance, and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Camilli was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked on her felony warrant.

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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