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Subject: POP Search Warrants Net 5 Arrests on Drug Related Charges

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1200 Block of A Street Warrant

On 10/25/11, at about 6:50 PM, investigators with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) executed a search warrant at a multi-unit residence on the 1200 block of A Street, Eureka. The warrant was in response to on-going complaints about suspected drug use and sales occurring in an apartment there.

During a subsequent search of the apartment, investigators located numerous hypodermic syringes, a loaded syringe containing suspected heroin ready for injection, drug sales packaging materials (cut up plastic bags and heroin residue covered shears/scissors), and a digital gram scale covered with tar heroin residue.

During a search of the primary tenant, James Travis Derryberry II (age 51 of Eureka), investigators discovered over 2 grams of heroin packaged for sale and another hypodermic syringe concealed on his person.

Investigators also found a hypodermic syringe on a male staying at the residence, Kenneth Wayne Wisdom (age 60 of Eureka).

While detectives were still completing their investigation, Derryberry's phone rang. A detective answered the phone and spoke with the female caller, who was seeking to trade Derryberry her prescription medication for heroin and cash. The female, later identified as Dawn Rene Robinson (AKA: Dawn Wilfong, 35 of Arcata), agreed to meet whom she thought was Derryberry at the residence. Robinson arrived in her 2003 Ford Taurus a short time later with her 17-month-old daughter in the backseat. A full bottle (60 count) of Lorazepam tablets prescribed to her that same day was found in her vehicle. (Lorazepam is a DEA Schedule IV controlled substance used to relieve anxiety and treat other conditions).

Robinson was taken into custody for possession and transportation of a controlled substance for sale and child endangerment. Her child was released into the care and custody of Child Welfare



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Services. The pharmacy was later contacted and advised of Robinson's attempt to illegally sell/trade her prescription medication.

Derryberry was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was to be booked for possession of a controlled substance for sale, maintaining a place for purposes of drug use and sales, and unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe. However, due to a serious medical condition (unrelated to his contact with officers), he was not cleared for booking. Derryberry was transported by EPD to St. Joseph Hospital for further evaluation and treatment. Due to his illness, Derryberry was ultimately cited and released with a court date on the listed offenses.

Robinson was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked on her aforementioned charges.

Wisdom was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe.

600 block of 16th Street Warrant

On 10/26/11, at about 3:00 PM, investigators with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) executed a search warrant at an apartment on the 600 block of 16th Street, Eureka. The warrant was obtained after POP investigators developed information the residents were selling heroin.

During a search of the residence, investigators located dozens of used hypodermic syringes, other drug use paraphernalia (cooker spoons and pipes), and empty drug packaging materials. Additionally, while investigators were there, a female arrived at the residence seeking to purchase heroin from the tenants.

Mingo Allen Gaitan, 38 of Eureka, was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for maintaining a place for drug sales, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a hypodermic syringe.

Eleanor Floy Bettes, 27 of Eureka, was also arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked for maintaining a place for drug sales, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a hypodermic syringe.

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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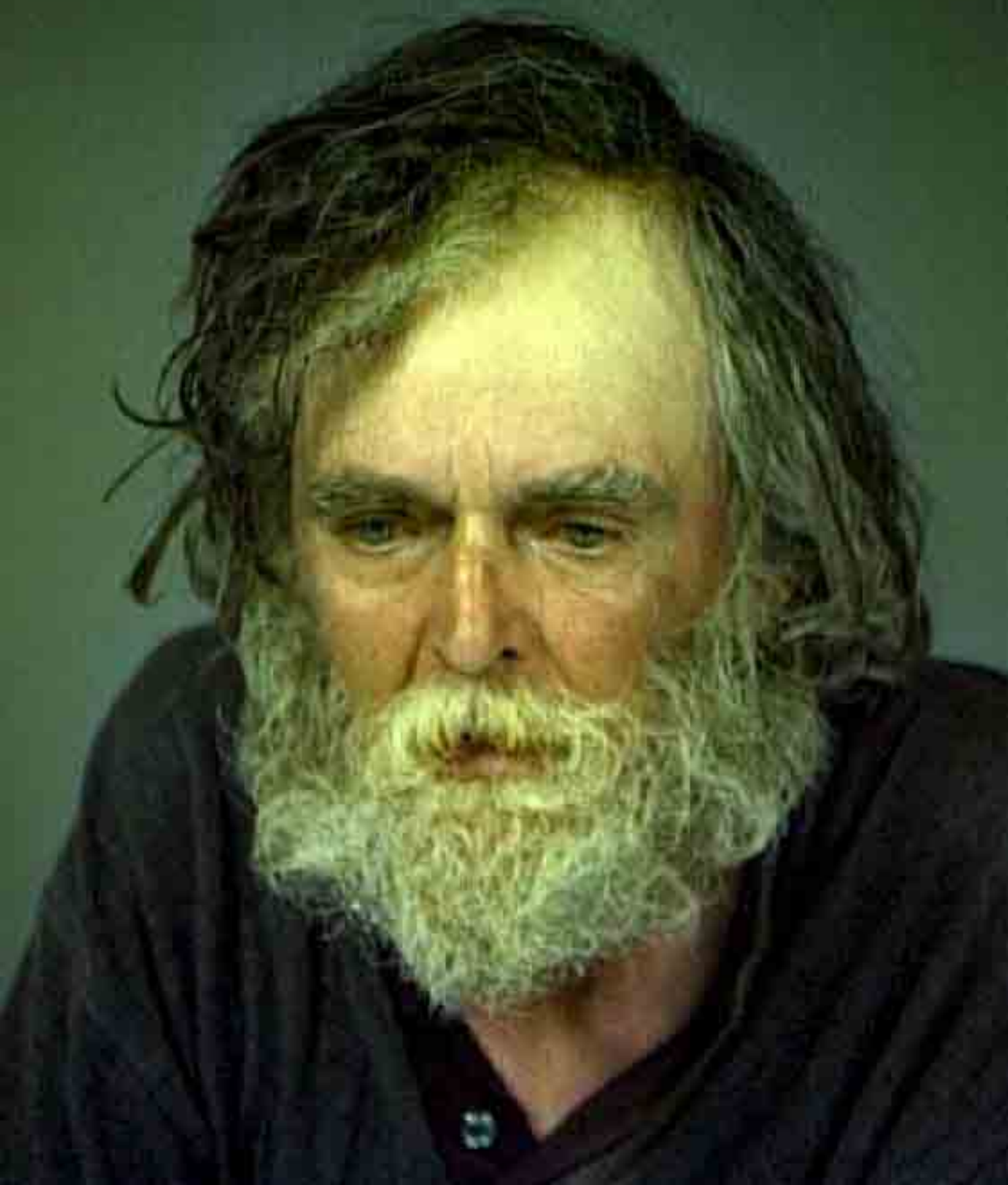
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