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Subject: Officer (CHP) Involved Shooting Investigation

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On Sunday, 11/01/15, at about 4:19 PM, Eureka Police Department officers were dispatched to the vicinity of 4th and 'Q' Streets to assist a California Highway Patrol officer who had just been shot during a traffic stop. Officers from other local agencies responded to assist as well.

Upon arrival, officers observed an adult male down in the roadway next to the driver's door of an older model, green two-door sedan. The suspect's vehicle was stopped facing northbound on 'Q' Street between 3rd and 4th Streets with the CHP unit behind it. The CHP officer, who had been shot in the leg, was at his vehicle holding the remaining 4 passengers in the sedan at gunpoint.

EPD officers evacuated the wounded CHP officer back to a position of cover and then detained the occupants of the suspect's vehicle one at a time at gunpoint.

Once the area was secured, emergency medical personnel summoned to the scene began rendering aid to the officer and suspect. Both were transported to a local hospital by ambulance where the suspect was later pronounced deceased. The officer sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound and is expected to survive.



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This officer involved shooting (OIS) is being investigated by the multi-agency Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). Since the incident occurred within the City of Eureka, EPD is heading up the investigation with a co-lead from the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. Other agencies assisting with the CIRT investigation include the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County Drug Task Force, and Fortuna Police Department. Criminologists with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) are processing the scene for evidence.

4th Street has been shut down to all westbound traffic at 'R' Street as investigators work through the night to process the scene. 'Q' Street has also been closed to traffic between 3rd Street and Myrtle Avenue.

