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MEDIA RELEASE

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Subject: *Update* Toys for Tots Theft

On December 13, 2023 an Agent from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF), who has been actively involved in this investigation, authored a search warrant for several locations in response to the ongoing attempts to locate additional toys stolen from the Toys for Tots storage location. The search warrants were executed by HCDF, assisted by Detectives and an Evidence Technician from the Eureka Police Department.

During the search of one of the locations, additional stolen toys were located and recovered. Also located was a stolen handgun, ammunition, body armor and two (2) digital scales with narcotic residue.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional charges are expected to be filed once reviewed by the Humboldt County District Attorney's office.

The Agent who authored the search warrants shared that this theft hit close to home for him. He understands how these generous donations of toys have such a positive impact on the children of our community, and is committed to recovering as many of the toys as we can while bringing those responsible to justice.

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Original Release

The Eureka Police Department is actively investigating several crimes that occurred from multiple businesses and organizations located in the 5100 block of N. Highway 101 between December 07, 2023 and December 09, 2023.

On December 8, 2023, a business owner reported sometime during the night an unknown suspect(s) entered one of his work trucks and stole approximately \$2300 worth of various tools.

On December 09, 2023, EPD received a phone call from the Regional Coordinator for Toys for Tots, reporting sometime between the evening of December 08, 2023 and the morning of December 9, 2023, an unknown suspect(s) gained entry to their storage shed and stole approximately \$7000 worth of donated toys. The surveillance system that was in place at this location was also stolen by the suspect(s). In addition to the theft, the suspect(s) caused approximately \$2000 worth of damage to the gate that secures the property.

Also, on December 09, 2023, EPD responded to the 4100 block of Jacobs Avenue for a report of a "jack knifed" semi-truck and trailer. The truck belonged to a business located in the same complex at 5100 N. Highway 101. The owner stated that no one had permission to drive the vehicle and a stolen vehicle report was taken. It was also discovered the vehicle had suffered approximately \$5000 worth of damage as a result of this theft.

While all three of these incidents occurred in the same business complex it is unknown at this time if or how they may be connected.

On December 11, 2023, a Detective with the Eureka Police Department authored warrants for three (3) locations in the greater Eureka area, 2000 block of Greenwood Heights, 2700 Union Street and 3200 block of High Street, in relationship to this investigation. Assisted by additional Detectives, Officers, an Evidence Technician, and Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, the search warrants were executed on the locations.

During the search of the locations, involved personnel recovered a portion of the toys stolen from Toys for Tots as well as some of the tools reported stolen the day prior from the business complex. Agents also found the primary suspect in possession of a short-barreled shotgun, a stolen motorcycle as well as a stolen generator.

Brandon Roy Haselip, 35 years of age from Eureka, was located and arrested at the Greenwood Heights location. Haselip was booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession of an illegal firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, possession



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of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property. Additional charges are also being submitted to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for review.

This is an on-going and active investigation. We are requesting any community members who recently donated a unique item to Toys for Toys please contact Detective Bailey immediately at 707-441-4215.

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