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Subject: Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest and Seizure of Firearms

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On 12/15/14 at about 12:28 a.m., an officer with the Eureka Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a Ford pickup truck at the 3500 block of Broadway Street. The driver was identified as Gerald Lee Gerarden, 39 of Eureka. Gerarden was found to have a felony warrant and was driving on a suspended license.

During a search of Gerarden's vehicle, officers located two AR-15 style rifles, several fully loaded magazines for the rifles, .5 lbs. of processed marijuana, and a small amount of methamphetamine. One of the rifles was determined to have been reported stolen out of Nevada.

Gerarden was arrested for numerous weapon and drug possession violations, including being a prior convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and for possession of stolen property. He was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

At about 11:30 a.m., in connection to the traffic stop, detectives from EPD's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) conducted probation searches at two residences on the 1400 block of California and the 1100 block of G Street. Detectives seized an illegal modified rifle with a cut down barrel, a 12 gauge shotgun, a 22 revolver, and a replica BB gun.

This is a continuing investigation. If anyone has information regarding this case or other nuisances in the city, you are asked to call the POP office at (707) 441-4373.



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