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One Arrested, 12 ½ Pounds of Marijuana and ½ Pound of Hash Confiscated by EPD POP Unit

On Monday, 2/15/10, at about 4:00 PM, Officers with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit conducted a child welfare check and drug crimes investigation at an apartment in the 1400 block of Bay Street, Eureka. This was after POP received information from concerned citizens that two young children in the apartment might be endangered by possible controlled substance possession and manufacturing occurring inside the residence.

Officers contacted Andrea Maria Ordaz, 27, of Eureka, at the apartment. After Ordaz invited them inside, officers soon observed marijuana and evidence of hashish (concentrated cannabis) manufacturing including noxious/chemical odors. The officers subsequently located and seized approximately 12 ½ pounds of dried, processed marijuana, a ½ pound (8 ounces) of hash, hash making paraphernalia, and unlawfully possessed prescription medications including methadone pills.

Ordaz was taken into custody and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked for possession of marijuana and concentrated cannabis (hash) for sale, manufacturing a controlled substance (hash), possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a place for unlawful manufacturing/distribution of a controlled substance, and misdemeanor child endangerment. This investigation is on-going an additional arrest(s) may follow.

The children, who were not home at the time, were referred to Child Welfare Services and left in the care of a responsible relative.

Anyone with information regarding drug trafficking occurring within the City of Eureka is encouraged to contact the Problem-Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373.

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