



## Police Department Press Release

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**Subject :** 2006 Homicide Solved

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On April 30, 2006, the Eureka Police Department began investigating the stabbing death of Trevor James Davenport, who was found dead on the sidewalk at the 200-block of "L" Street in Eureka. Davenport died from a stab wound with what detectives believed was his own knife. Detectives at the time poured countless man-hours into the investigation, interviewing over forty potential witnesses and suspects. Eventually the leads dried up and we were left with no new avenues to investigate.

In 2009, EPD detectives began investigating a new lead. That lead led them to begin investigating a local gang member. Subsequent to that investigation the EPD has developed probable cause to arrest William Frank Whipple (21 year old) of Eureka for the murder of Trevor James Davenport. The EPD will also be seeking a special enhancement for the murder as it was gang related.

EPD detectives were assisted in the investigation by the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, Humboldt County Probation Department, and the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. Whipple is currently being held on a \$1,000,000.00 Ramey warrant at Folsom State Prison awaiting transport back to Humboldt County.

The EPD is asking for the public's continued help with the investigation. The investigation revealed several sources who knew details about the murder. Their silence delayed relevant information from coming to light in a timely manner. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Terry Liles at 707-441-4032.

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