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Subject: Two Arrested, One Ounce of Methamphetamine Seized by EPD During Search Warrant Service

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On Wednesday, 2/24/10, EPD Patrol officers, assisted by the Problem Oriented Policing Unit, served a search warrant on a suspected methamphetamine dealer and his residence. This was partly in response to many citizen complaints about suspected drug sales activity occurring in and around a residence in the 2400 block of C Street, Eureka.

At about 12:39 PM, officers on surveillance spotted the suspect's 1991 Jaguar driving southbound on E Street near 15th Street. Officers conducted a traffic stop on vehicle and detained its occupants, Thomas Uttam Ferguson, 36 of Eureka, and Showshawnee Harmony Hillemeier, 21, also of Eureka. During a subsequent search of Ferguson's vehicle, officers located approximately one ounce of suspected crystal methamphetamine, which was hidden behind a panel near the driver's seat.

Ferguson's vehicle was towed incident to his arrest for transportation and possession of methamphetamine for sale. Ferguson and Hillemeier were then transported to their residence on C Street where officers conducted a further search pursuant to the signed warrant they'd obtained from a Superior Court Judge. Inside the suspects' residence, officers located numerous drug packaging materials and a digital gram scale consistent with sales of controlled substances. Officers also located drug use paraphernalia, a small quantity of suspected tar heroin, and other items of contraband.

Ferguson was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked and lodged for transportation and possession for sales of methamphetamine. Hillemeier was cited and released for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Anyone with information about drug sales occurring in Eureka is encouraged to contact the Eureka Police Department at 441-4060 (front counter), 441-4044 (non-emergency dispatch line), or 441-4373 (POP Unit).

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