



PRESS RELEASE

Eureka Police Department

To: All Humboldt County Media

Re: String of Robberies ends in Homicide

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On 2-6-2009 at about 5:40 pm, Officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of J Street for an assault report. Upon arrival, officers were told by the victim that he was riding his bicycle at this location when he was contacted by two subjects who attempted to take his belongings. The subjects were unsuccessful in their theft attempt, but did assault the victim. The subjects fled in a white 4-door sedan. The victim provided the officer with a description of the vehicle and suspects.

At about 5:49 pm, Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of "F" Street for a robbery report. The victim stated that he was using the ATM at this location, when he was approached by a suspect brandishing a knife and demanding his belongings. The suspect took several items and fled on foot.

Two independent witnesses to this robbery chased the suspect to a white Jetta, which the suspect entered and fled the scene. A description of the suspects and vehicle was provided.

At about 6:02 pm, officers were dispatched to a robbery report to the 3300 block of Broadway. The victim stated that she was walking to her vehicle, when she saw a white sedan in the parking lot, approaching her location. She said that the vehicle swooped towards her vehicle and she got into her vehicle and locked the door. The passenger exited the vehicle, brandished a knife, struck her window with the knife, and demanded

her money. She drove away. The male suspect struck her window with his fist as she fled. The victim provided a plate for the suspect vehicle.

She described the suspect as a WMA, slender build, about 5-8, short hair, clean shaven. The victim did not see the driver.

At about 1805 hours, Officers were dispatched to an assault with a deadly weapon call at the parking lot at the 3400 block of Broadway.

Upon officer's arrival, a male victim was located on the ground, being treated by various witnesses for a stab wound to the lower left abdominal area. On the ground near the victim was a bloody knife. Witnesses described the suspect to Police. The suspect got into a white VW Jetta and fled.

A witness at this location gave a description of the suspects.

The victim of this assault was transported to St. Joseph Hospital ER, where he later died of his injuries.

While officers were handling the robbery calls, the California Highway Patrol and Humboldt County Sheriff's Office were sent to the King Salmon area for a possible DUI driver. The vehicle was described as a white VW with a plate, which matched the plate provided by one of the robbery victim's.

Eureka Police Officers, with the assistance of Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies, locate the suspect vehicle at the 1800 block of Buhne Drive in King Salmon. Three suspects are also located and are taken into custody without incident.

The location and vehicle were secured. Detectives of the Eureka Police Department were called to the scene and a search warrant was written and later served.

While Detectives were processing the suspects, a additional victim phoned the Eureka Police Department and reported an attempted robbery at the 1600 block of Broadway at about 6:00 pm. The victim reported that she was approached by a suspect, while she was in her vehicle and he brandished a knife, while demanding her belongings and making threats of physical assault if she did not do as ordered. The victim fled the scene in her vehicle.

The three suspects were identified as John Lewis Way (30 years old of Eureka), Daniel Joseph Dower (27 years old of Nevada), and James Robert Stanko (26 years old of Santa Cruz) were booked on multiple counts of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, and homicide.

This is an ongoing investigation and further information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call Senior Detective Todd Wilcox at 707-441-4315





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