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EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SERVE SEARCH WARRANT ON SUSPECTED METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER – TWO ARRESTED

On Tuesday, 2/09/10, Officers with the Eureka Police Department's Crime/Gang Suppression (CSU) and Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Units served a search warrant on a suspected methamphetamine dealer and his residence in the 600 block of West Everding Street. This was in response to numerous on-going complaints by neighbors and Housing Authority officials about drug sales and suspicious persons associated with suspect in the vicinity of his residence.

At about 1043 hours, an officer on surveillance spotted the suspect, Don Khounsinvong (age 35 of Eureka), driving his 1995 Dodge Neon eastbound in the 900 block of West Harris Street. Officers stopped Khounsinvong after he pulled into the nearby Safeway parking lot. Khounsinvong and his passenger, Rhonda Renae Vanbibber (age 34), were detained and their vehicle searched pursuant to the search warrant. During the subsequent search of their vehicle and persons, officers located approximately 1/8 ounce of suspected crystal methamphetamine, approximately one gram of suspected tar heroin, a drug smoking pipe, "MSM" pills (used as a "cutting agent" for methamphetamine sales), and over \$300.00 cash consistent with drug sales.

Following the traffic stop, officers searched Khounsinvong's residence on West Everding Street where they located a small quantity of suspected concentrated cannabis (hash and hash oil), drug (methamphetamine) smoking pipes, and more evidence of methamphetamine sales including two digital gram scales and numerous "MSM" pills.

Khounsinvong was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for transportation and possession of methamphetamine for purposes of sales, possession of concentrated cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Vanbibber was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked for possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine for sale, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Vanbibber also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for which she was arrested.

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