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On 3-14-2009 at about 4:35 am, Officers of the Eureka Police Department were dispatched to the 100 block of West 7th Street to a reported suspicious vehicle. The reporting party stated that there was a white sedan parked on 7th Street, occupied by at least two subjects with hoods pulled up over their heads.

As units arrived on scene, they located a vehicle matching the description leaving the area. When a traffic stop was attempted on the vehicle, the vehicle fled. When the vehicle reached 5th Street, it sped up to over 100 mph. The vehicle tried to negotiate a N/B turn onto "R" Street, however due to its speed the vehicle impacted into the Pizza Hut building. Three subjects fled from the vehicle, but were taken into custody a short distance away by responding units.

A firearm was located at the 500 block of 5th Street, soon after the pursuits conclusion. The firearm had damage consistent to multiple skid/strikes against the pavement. It is suspected that it was thrown from the vehicle during the pursuit. The firearm will be processed for evidence.

The three suspects are identified as:

Waymond Richard Kelly (26 years old of Eureka) was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession of a controlled substance and a parole hold.

Michael Tray Johns (28 years old of Eureka) was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on a parole hold.

Nathan Aaron Ruptak (27 years old of Eureka) was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of evading the police, resisting arrest, and a parole hold.

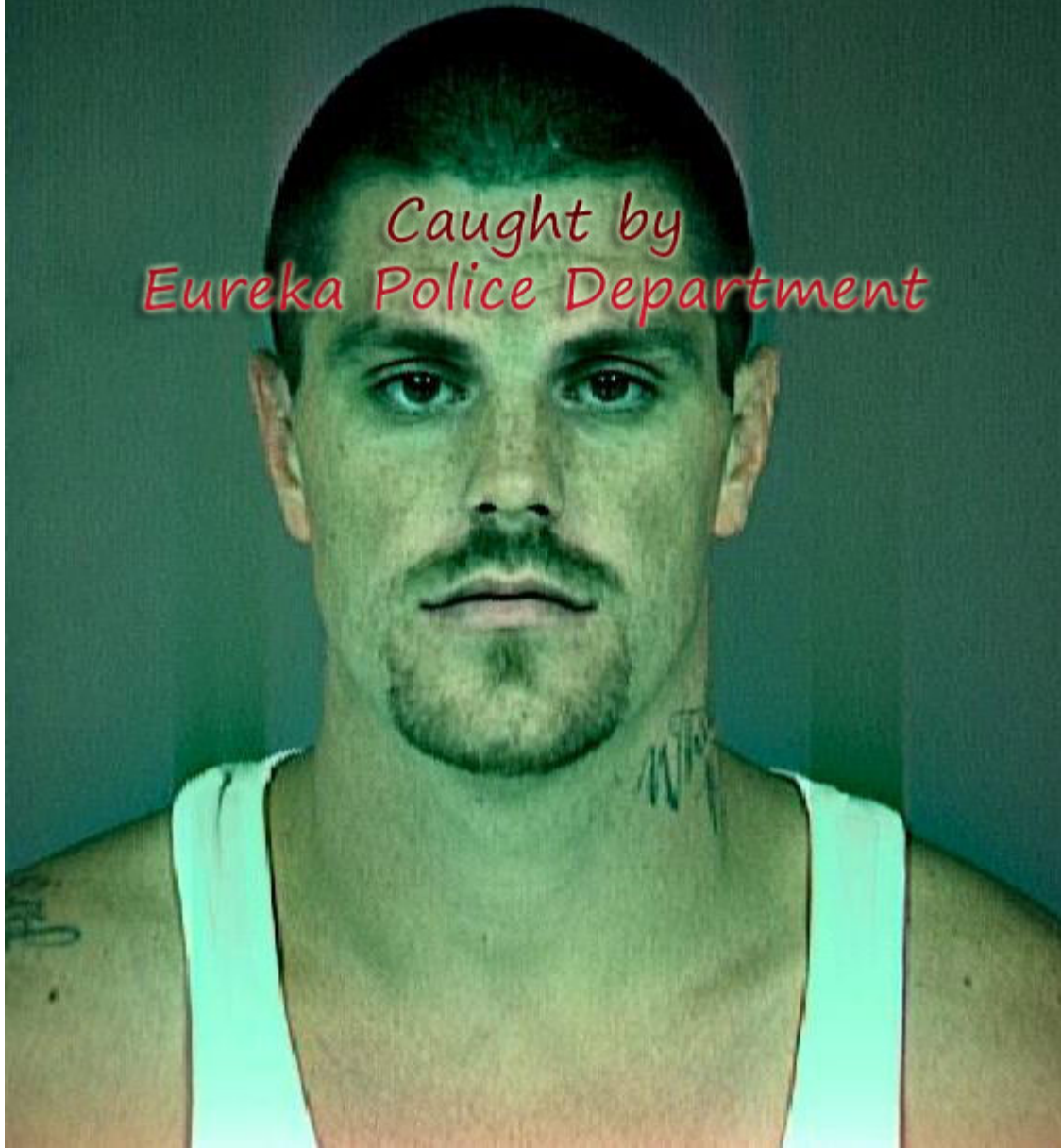
Kelly and Johns are persons of interest in the recent home invasion robbery that occurred on 3-6-2009.

This is an active investigation and anyone with information concerning this incident or the home invasion robbery are urged to contact the Eureka Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section at 707-441-4300.

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Michael Tray Johns, 26

Caught by
Eureka Police Department



Waymond Richard Kelly, 25

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