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ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED IN UKIAH

The Eureka Police Department has identified a suspect in the armed robbery of the Harris Street Market and Liquor, which occurred on 3-9-2009. Based on the statements obtained from the witnesses, surveillance footage, and evidence processing of the scene, probable cause was obtained leading to the issuance of a search warrant for a home in Stafford, California.

As a result of the search warrant service, more items believed to have been used in this robbery were located. Based on the above evidence a warrant was soon issued for the arrest of William Eugene Mulligan (22 years old) of Stafford.

Mulligan was located in Ukiah by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department and taken into custody.

Mulligan is being held in the Mendocino County Jail on the Humboldt County Arrest Warrant and also an outstanding Federal Probation Violation Warrant.

The possible connection between the Harris Street Market and Liquor robbery and a secondary armed robbery on 3-12-2009 at the Patriot Gas Station is being investigated, due to several similarities.

A person of interest in these robberies is David Joel Shields (23 years old of Fortuna). Shields is currently wanted for parole violation.

This is an active investigation and anyone with information involving these two robberies or the location of Shields is urged to call the Eureka Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section at 707-441-4300.