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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Robbery Spree

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From January 28 – March 20, 2016, Humboldt County has experienced a rash of armed robberies primarily in Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, and McKinleyville. Surrounding agencies are working together to compare notes and find similarities between the cases. What we know:

- Typically two male suspects
- Silver handgun brandished
- Wearing masks and/or hoodies
- Targeting gas stations and mini marts near major highways
- Vehicles involved parked out of sight (green Honda Civic or gray Chevrolet SUV described in at least two of the cases)
- Most incidents occurred between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Recent cases:

01/28/16 at 5:36 a.m., gas station, 3505 Broadway, Eureka
01/28/16 at 6:50 a.m., gas station on Central Ave, McKinleyville
03/18/16 at 4:57 a.m., gas station on Murray Rd, McKinleyville
03/18/16 at 5:45 a.m., gas station on Alliance, Arcata
03/18/16 at 6:31 a.m., gas station on Fairway Drive, Eureka
03/19/16 at 10:50 p.m., market on School St., Fortuna
03/20/16 at 6:47 a.m., drive through fast food, Eureka

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It is important for businesses to be aware of these trends so that they can take steps to better protect their employees and customers. Be alert, be visible, and have clear policies for employees. Check out the Portland Police Bureau's Guide to Robbery Prevention for many good tips to consider.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/31555>

Anyone with information regarding these cases is asked to call the related jurisdiction.
Eureka Police Department, (707) 441-4060
Fortuna Police Department, (707) 725-7550 or the WeTip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME
Arcata Police Department, (707) 822-2424 or the Crime Tip Line at (707) 825-2588
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, (707) 445-7251



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