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**Subject: POP Unit Makes 6 Arrests after Search Warrants Served at Broadway Motel**

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On the morning of 4/01/10, Officers with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit served search warrants at two rooms in a motel in the 2200 block of Broadway. This was in response to an on-going POP investigation about methamphetamine dealing occurring in and around the motel.

At about 7:41 AM, officers stopped a car one of the suspects, Holly Rose Upshaw (27 of Eureka), was driving as she left the motel's parking lot traveling northbound on Broadway. Upshaw was taken into custody at the scene for 4 outstanding misdemeanor warrants for her arrest, one of which was for possession of a controlled substance. At the same time, officers also detained a male, Shiva Bond (30 of Eureka), who'd just left one of the target rooms and was walking away northbound along Broadway. Bond, who is on probation for drug-related offenses, was searched and subsequently arrested after he was found to be in possession of a usable quantity of methamphetamine and a hypodermic syringe.

During a search of the room Upshaw shared with 3 others, officers found usable quantities of crystal methamphetamine and concentrated cannabis (hash), multiple drug ("meth") pipes, numerous illegally possessed prescription medication bottles/pills, dozens (well over a hundred) small drug packaging baggies, and 4 gram scales among other drug use and sales paraphernalia. The methamphetamine, scales, and baggies were consistent with being possessed for purposes of drug sales.

In addition to her warrants, Holly Upshaw was arrested for maintaining a place for purposes of drug sales and for possession of methamphetamine for sale. A second resident of the room, David Wesley Baker, was also located nearby and taken into custody for maintaining a place for purposes of drug sales, possession of methamphetamine for sale, possession of concentrated cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of prescription medications. However, two other residents left just prior to officers' arrival. Felony warrants are pending for their arrest.

At the same time, POP officers served a search warrant on a second room at the motel. Matthew Mike Vogt (51 of Eureka) was taken into custody there for possession of methamphetamine and



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for maintaining a place for purposes of drug sales. Norma Jean Tait (51 of Eureka) was also taken into custody in the room for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

All 5 suspects were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked for the aforementioned offenses.

Due to health and safety concerns present at the motel, Eureka Fire Department officials were also called to the scene for an inspection.

Later that afternoon, a POP officer contacted (unrelated) Jordan Benjamin Harris (20 of Eureka) walking near a motel in the 2100 block of Broadway. Harris was on probation for a drug related offense and resisting a peace officer. The officer spotted part of a drug packaging baggy protruding from one of Harris' jacket pockets. Harris was subsequently searched and found to be in possession of tar heroin, a hypodermic syringe, and drug paraphernalia. Harris was arrested for these offenses and transported to HCCF.

Anyone with information about drug sales activity occurring within the City of Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at 441-4373.

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