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Criminal Charges Filed Against Eureka Police Officer

In January 2011, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office (HCDA) Investigations Bureau began receiving reports of alleged criminal conduct on the part of Eureka Police Department (EPD) Officer Daniel "Danny" Kalis. Between January and March 2011, HCDA investigators began gathering information to either substantiate or disprove the claims of misconduct.

In March, Officer Kalis became the subject of a formal Internal Affairs Investigation initiated by the Eureka Police Department and Kalis was placed on Administrative Leave on March 7, 2011. The Internal Affairs Investigation uncovered evidence of potential criminal conduct and the Eureka Police Department sought assistance from the HCDA Investigations Bureau. On March 16, 2011, representatives of the Eureka Police Department and the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office met to discuss the status of their individual investigations to that point. It was then decided to initiate a joint EPD/HCDA investigation to examine Officer Kalis' potential criminal conduct while he was a member of the Eureka Police Department.

As a result of that extensive investigation, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office has filed the following criminal charges against Officer Daniel Kalis:

H&S11350(a)	Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin)
PC4570	Unauthorized Communication with a Prisoner
H&S11357(c)	Possession of more than 1 ounce of Marijuana
PC236	False Imprisonment
B&P4060	Possession of Controlled Substances without a Prescription
CVC1808.45	Unauthorized Disclosure of DMV Records
PC502(c)(7)	Unauthorized Access to Computer Network
PC488	Petty Theft
PC594	Vandalism

The matters are scheduled for arraignment in Humboldt County Superior Court on May 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. The investigation continues and additional criminal charges may be filed.

Relating to this investigation, District Attorney Paul Gallegos stated, "State and local law enforcement's first obligation is to enforce California laws and I know it is a sad day for all law enforcement when we must prosecute an officer that has failed to do that. Hopefully Humboldt County citizens will see this joint investigative effort as evidence that their law enforcement agencies

are committed to providing the highest caliber of law enforcement and putting the community's interests above all others.”

HCDA Chief Investigator Mike Hislop added, “Although it is unfortunate when law enforcement is forced to investigate one of their own, this investigation demonstrates our common position that abuse of authority by police officers will not be tolerated. I commend the Eureka Police Department for seeking assistance with this sensitive matter and commend the EPD/HCDA investigative team for quickly and efficiently completing the complex investigation.”

According to Eureka Police Chief Nielsen, effective April 1, 2011, Officer Kalis is no longer employed with the Eureka Police Department. “Such allegations, if proven, cast a pall upon a noble profession which derives its legitimacy from the public trust,” Nielsen said. “The violation of that trust impacts the profession, our organization and the dedicated men and women who place themselves in harms way to ensure the safety of our communities.” Nielsen stressed that complaints or allegations received by his office are taken seriously and investigated objectively and thoroughly. “We are an organization which holds the public trust above all else and will not permit anyone to violate that which so many work so diligently to earn and maintain,” he added.

Members of the community with information regarding potential criminal actions conducted by Officer Kalis are urged to contact Eureka Police Department Senior Detective Todd Wilcox at (707) 441-4315 or HCDA Investigator Wayne Cox at (707) 268-2591.