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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

April 17, 2013 -- Investigators of the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office served an arrest warrant on Eureka Police Department Sergeant Adam Laird today for violations of PC 149 (Assault Under Color of Authority) and PC 118.1 (False Police Report).

The warrant service was the culmination of a joint criminal investigation conducted by Eureka Police Department Detectives and Investigators of the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. The joint investigation was conducted after information had been received from a Eureka Police Officer about alleged criminal misconduct perpetrated by Sgt. Adam Laird. Sgt. Laird had his police powers suspended and was placed on administrative leave since incident was reported.

The investigation was initiated at the direction of Chief Murl Harpham. In accordance with interagency protocol, the Eureka Police Department notified the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office and formally requested its assistance. Since this is an ongoing investigation no further information is being released at this time so as not to compromise the integrity of the process.

Sgt. Adam Laird was booked into the Humboldt County Jail and was released after posting bail.

Further media inquiries should be directed to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office.

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