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Subject: EPD Serves Search Warrant on Third Street Drug House

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On 4/19/12, at about 11:30 AM, the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) served a narcotic sales-related search warrant at a residence on the 1700 block of Third Street, Eureka. The warrant was obtained in response to reports POP received of heroin dealing occurring at the residence and around a nearby gas station.

Officers forced the front door open after the residents refused to open it. Upon entering the residence, officers encountered and detained 4 adults. Also present in the home was a 3-year-old little girl.

During a subsequent search of the residence, investigators located several grams of tar heroin along with drug use and sales paraphernalia (multiple gram scales, drug sales packaging materials, hypodermic syringes, "cooker" spoons etc.).

While officers were conducting their investigation, several individuals called seeking to purchase heroin from the residents there.

The primary tenant, Kiranseet Singh Saini (age 33, originally from Bombay, India), was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for child endangerment and for maintaining a place for purposes of drug sales.



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Saini's 3-year-old daughter, who lived in the home with him, was released into the care and custody of Child Welfare Services.

Resident Larry Seminoff (age 47) was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of heroin for sale, possession of drug use paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of a deadly weapon (improvised slungshot).

Additionally, two adult females staying in the home were arrested for misdemeanor offenses (a warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia) and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

The owner of the property was contacted and made aware of the situation. Based on his assurances, eviction proceedings against the suspects are expected to immediately follow.

Anyone with information concerning suspected drug activity occurring in the City of Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373 or the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 444-8095. Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding criminal related activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line 707-268-2539.

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