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PRESS RELEASE

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STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED, SUSPECT ARRESTED

On 04-20-11 at approximately 8:30 PM, Officers from the Eureka Police Department responded to a business in the 600 block of 4th Street, on a report that an employee's vehicle key had been stolen from the kitchen of the business, and his vehicle stolen from the parking lot. There were witnesses to the theft, who provided Officers with a brief description of the suspect.

At approximately 10:10 PM, A Sergeant with the Eureka Police Department located the vehicle exiting the parking lot of Rite Aid on Harris Street. The Sergeant followed the car until it pulled to the curb near the intersections of "F" and Carson Streets. Additional Officers arrived on scene and the suspect was detained without incident.

The registered owner of the vehicle and a witness were brought to the scene and positively identified the suspect as the person who stole the key and the vehicle. The vehicle was not damaged and was released back to the registered owner.

The suspect was identified as James Michael WILEY, 26 years old. WILEY is believed to have been residing in California for sometime but his ID card listed an address out of North Carolina. WILEY was transported and booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for vehicle theft and possession of stolen property.

