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Subject: POP Arrests Parolee with Gun and Deported Felon

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On 4/22/10, at about 11:22 AM, Officers with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP), assisted by Patrol and State Parole Agents, conducted a parole compliance check at an apartment in the 1000 block of M Street. During a search of the apartment, officers located a .22 caliber Ruger Mark II semi-automatic handgun hidden under a mattress. Officers also located and confiscated several silver British Virgin Islands \$20.00 coins that officers suspected may have recently been stolen from someone's private collection. Additionally, drug paraphernalia, including 3 methamphetamine pipes and numerous small drug packaging baggies, were found inside the apartment.

Resident Zachary Shane Scott (29 of Eureka) was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for parole violation, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

While officers were wrapping up their investigation, they heard a disturbance between a male and female inside a neighboring apartment. When an officer went to investigate, the male, later identified as Javier Cuevas-Aveja (26 of Guerrero, Mexico), ran out the apartment's backdoor. Cuevas was quickly detained outside by a waiting officer. Cuevas initially gave officers a false name because he knew he was wanted. A records check of his true name revealed he was wanted for an immigration violation (deported criminal/aggravated felon).

Officers subsequently searched Cuevas' nearby car and located pistol ammunition (.357 magnum) and numerous drug packaging bindles containing suspected methamphetamine residue. Cuevas, who is unemployed, also had over \$2,100.00 cash on his person. Humboldt County Drug Task Force agents later seized the money, which was believed to be drug sales proceeds.

Cuevas was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for providing false identification to a peace officer, unlawful possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, and the immigration violation.

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