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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Robbery Suspect in Custody**

On April 21, 2010, The United States Customs and Homeland Security Department arrested Ezra Keith Williams without incident while he was trying to cross the border back into the United States from Mexico. The Eureka Police Department has been tracking Williams through investigative tools and believed him to be in Mexico since about April 14, 2010. The United States Boarder Patrol and San Diego Law Enforcement had been alerted of our beliefs and have been on the look out for Williams possibly trying to re-enter the United States. This information was withheld from the public until Williams was taken into custody, in case he returned to the area or we were in error in our beliefs.

Williams is currently being held in the San Diego County Central Jail awaiting transport back to Humboldt County for prosecution in these matters. This process will take several days and Williams is not expected to be back in Humboldt County until late next week.

The Eureka Police Department would like to take this opportunity to once again thank local businessman Rex Bohn for his gracious offer regarding the \$1,000 reward in this matter. The Eureka Police Department is pleased that due to the circumstances leading to Williams' arrest, the reward was not needed, nor will it be paid out. We understand that rewards are a tool that can be quite useful in apprehending wanted subjects, but at the same time we recognize that the businesses, who were victimized by Williams, have already lost money, so the thought of additional citizens taking a financial loss to pay for the apprehension of Williams is unfortunate. It is hoped that citizens would come forward with information to assist police in creating a safer community for all its citizens, without expecting financial gain for that information. The Eureka Police Department did receive numerous calls from citizens to report possible sightings of Williams and is grateful for the public involvement in this case.

This case is ongoing and further details will be released as details become available. Anyone with information regarding this matter are urged to call Det. Harpham at 707-441-4305