

Wanted Parolee taken into custody by EPD K9 teams.

On Friday night, EPD Sgt. Adam Laird received information regarding the possible whereabouts of wanted parolee, Brian Mello. Reliable information indicated that Mello was camping out in Cooper's Gulch.

EPD K9 handlers Rabang and LaFrance worked the park from separate angles and began searching quietly with their dogs. About 30 minutes into the search, Officer LaFrance and his dog Vex, flushed Mello from a camp area in the northwest area of the park. Mello ran out a path, exiting on the Myrtle Avenue side of the tree-line.....and directly into the path of K9 Endy and Officer Rabang. Upon being confronted head on by the second K9, Mello (a known flight risk) opted to surrender and proned himself out for handcuffing.

Brian Mello is classified as "two-strike, high-control" inmate, who had reportedly failed to meet the terms of his parole, resulting in the CDC warrant for his arrest.

