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Subject : **Armed Felon Stabs Self - Tazed by Officers**

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On Easter Sunday at about 6:59am the Eureka Police Department received a report of a felony warrant suspect who was walking to an address in the 3500 block of F Street to break the windows out of his mother's house. Officers searched the area for the suspect and one of them eventually located him in front of the residence.

The officer quickly exited his unit to contact the suspect and apprehend him on the felony warrant. The suspect saw the officer and quickly produced a knife, holding it to his own throat. The officer drew his firearm and tried to convince the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect then stabbed himself in the abdomen with the knife. He took a couple of steps toward the officer while still holding the knife, but then stopped as two additional officers arrived.

The suspect looked around and said he was going to leave. He turned away from the officers and started to go between the house and a fence, to the rear of the house.

One of the other officers was able to successfully deploy his tazer on the suspect. Both probes struck him in the back, causing him to fall to the ground. The officers were then able to disarm the suspect and handcuff him without further incident.

The suspect was transported to St Joseph Hospital ER where he was treated and released for the stab wound. Because he was a danger to himself, he was lodged at Semper Virens to stabilize pending a transfer to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he will be booked on the felony warrant.