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Subject: Robbery Suspect Arrested

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On 04/23/15 at about 2:44 p.m., the US Bank in Henderson Center was robbed. No weapon was displayed and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. The suspect exited the Bank and fled southbound on F Street, towards Harris Avenue.

On 04/28/2015 at about 3:46 p.m., the Coast Central Credit Union at the Bayshore Mall was robbed. Once again no weapon was displayed and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. The suspect was last seen fleeing into the parking lot of Walmart.

Based on the investigations into these robberies, a suspect was identified by detectives. Probable cause was developed and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Benaiah Stephen Tabbytite (33 years old of Eureka). Tabbytite is believed to have committed both robberies.

On 04/29/2015 at about 6:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Buhne Street for a male subject who appeared to be "passed out" on the porch of a residence at this location. Officers contacted the subject and he was identified as Tabbytite. Tabbytite was taken into custody on the outstanding robbery warrant.

Tabbytite was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and is being held on \$200,000 bail.

This is an ongoing investigation. Further information will be released when it becomes available.



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