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On Wednesday 5/12/10, at about 2:16 PM, a Eureka Police Department traffic officer stopped a 1995 GMC Yukon for vehicle code violations in the vicinity of Spring and West Del Norte Streets. Officers with the Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) responded to assist with the traffic stop. During a subsequent interview with the passenger, Aaron Michael Riley (23 of Eureka), officers learned there was a shotgun in the Yukon.

Officers then searched the vehicle for weapons. Inside a duffle bag belonging to Riley, they located an illegally possessed semi-automatic 12-gauge shotgun (a Russian made Saiga-12). The shotgun was equipped with a pistol grip and detachable high capacity magazines, classifying it as an assault weapon in the State of California. 4 loaded magazines containing 12-gauge 00 buckshot shells (12, 10, 9, and 5 shells each respectively) were found with the shotgun, along with a large quantity of pistol and shotgun ammunition. Additionally, officers found a black ski mask with the weapon and ammunition, raising the suspicion that Riley may have been planning to commit an armed robbery.

Riley was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for unlawful possession of an assault weapon. Additionally, Riley had recently been released on his own recognizance following a March 2010 arrest for carrying a concealed firearm on his person.

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On 5/12/10, at about 5:00 PM, officers with the Eureka Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) and Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP), assisted by a Special Agent with United States Secret Service, served a search warrant at a residence in the 4000 block of Cedar Street. This was part of a joint investigation into the manufacturing and passing of fictitious U.S. currency occurring in the Eureka area.

Officers forced entry into the residence after repeatedly announcing their presence and receiving no timely response at the front door. Officers detained Timothy Scott Ramirez (40 of Eureka) inside the home. During a subsequent search of the two-story residence, which was equipped



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with working video surveillance cameras, officers located several bleached genuine U.S. \$1.00 bills, bleaching agents, several scanner-printers, partially completed/printed counterfeit U.S. currency, and drug paraphernalia including hypodermic syringes and a methamphetamine pipe.

Ramirez was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of counterfeit bills, manufacturing counterfeit bills, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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