



CITY OF EUREKA

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EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

On 5-15-13, at about 2223 hours, The Eureka Police Department received several calls reporting approximately four gunshots in the vicinity of the 1900 block of J Street in the city of Eureka. Officers responded and attempted to locate evidence of a shooting. At about 2234 hours, while officers were still on scene, the Eureka Police Department was notified by the St Joseph Hospital Emergency room that they were giving care to a male with a gunshot wound.

Eureka Police Officers were able to connect the “shots fired” call to the wounded male at the hospital. The Eureka Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Division responded to assume the investigation. The wounded man is a 24 year old Eureka native ***Rhett August***. August’s official medical status is unknown but he was able to give detectives a statement this morning after recovering from surgery. August suffered a single gunshot wound to the upper abdomen.

Detectives learned that August received a knock on his door. He responded to his door, which opened up to an alley, and someone began shooting at him. Other than his wound, evidence of several other bullet strikes was located. A friend in August’s home drove August to the hospital.

At about 0930 hours this morning, EPD Investigators, POP Detectives, Parole Officers and Patrol Officers, conducted a parole search at a home at the 2100 block of Spring Street. Several subjects were arrested for outstanding warrants. A person of interest in this investigation was detained, interviewed and eventually booked into jail for minor parole violations.

A motive for the shooting has not been established.

This investigation is ongoing and EPD Detectives are still seeking information about the shooting. Anyone with information regarding this shooting should contact lead Detective Pete Cress or Senior Detective Ron Harpham.

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