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**Subject: Felon Arrested For Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition**

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On May 17, 2015 at about 1520 hours, Eureka Police officers responded to the vicinity of the Bayshore Mall on a report of a Robbery that had occurred with a firearm. The investigation revealed that no robbery had occurred but officers did receive information about a subject who was witnessed to be in possession of a stolen dog and a firearm.

Officers learned that Brian Ryan Mello (37 of Eureka) was seen with a dog that had been stolen from a camp behind the Bayshore Mall. They also learned that Mello had been seen with a handgun during the past week.

On May 17, 2015 at about 1639 hours, an EPD officer saw Mello walking the described stolen dog in the 1900 block of Broadway. The officer contacted Mello and detained him in handcuffs. Mello was searched in accordance with his probation status and found to be in possession of .380 caliber ammunition. In addition officers located a loaded .380 caliber handgun lying next to a building where Mello was contacted.

Brian Mello is a convicted felon and is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition. Mello was arrested and booked into Humboldt County Correctional Facility for being a felon in possession of a handgun and a felon in possession of ammunition.

The dog was returned to the owner and an investigation into the theft of the dog is ongoing.



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