



NEWS RELEASE

On May 18th, 2011, at about 10:45 am, investigators for the Eureka Police Department and the California Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence (BII) out of the Redding office, arrested 42 years old Eureka resident, Joseph Eugene Miller (aka HINDS), for the murder of Beverly Jacob.

On April 22, 2002, Beverly Jean Jacob, a 46-year-old female, was discovered murdered in her Eureka home. Based upon the initial investigation by the Eureka Police Department, it was believed that Jacob had been killed approximately three weeks earlier. The cause of death was ruled as homicide, "death by the hands of another". EPD investigators developed several leads as well as suspects, but lacked probable cause for an arrest.

In 2007, a criminalist from the Department of Justice Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS) obtained a DNA "cold hit" on an item of clothing worn by Jacob at the time of her death. The DNA on Jacob's clothing was determined to be that of Miller's, who was one of the original suspects. Shortly after receiving this information from the BFS, EPD contacted the Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence (BII) for their assistance with the investigation. A comprehensive investigation was conducted by the BII and EPD.

In early May 2011, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against MILLER for murder and a warrant for his arrest was issued. On May 18, 2011, a BII special agent and an EPD investigator arrested MILLER without incident. He was booked into the Humboldt County Jail and his bail is set at \$1,000,000.

This is an ongoing case and further details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact Eureka Police Senior Detective Ron Harpham at 441-4305.

