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Subject: Robbery Suspect Arrested

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On 04/29/2011 at about 9:38 PM, Officers of the Eureka Police Department responded to a reported armed robbery that had just occurred at the 1100 block of Myrtle Avenue in Eureka.

Upon Officers arrival, they were told by the clerk that a subject had approached the check-out counter with an item, appearing to be making a purchase. While the clerk was conducting the transaction, the subject handed her a robbery note and also displayed a handgun in the waistband of his pants. The clerk turned over the money from the cash register and the subject fled. The clerk was able to provide good detailed description of the subject, including distinctive physical traits.

Based on the clerk's description, Officers associated the description with a subject they had encountered earlier in the week at a nearby residence. A photo line-up was prepared and shown to the clerk. The clerk was able to make an identification.

On 4/30/2011 at about 3:30 PM, a high risk search warrant and arrest warrant were served at the suspect's residence, which is located at the 1200 block of West Avenue in Eureka. The suspect was at home and taken into custody without incident. A search of the residence led to the seizure of numerous items constant with the robbery, including a pellet gun which closely matched the weapon described by the clerk.

The subject, identified as Daniel Cortez 25 years old of Eureka, was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on robbery charges. He is being held on \$50,000 bail.

This is an open case and further details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to call Det. Harpham of the Eureka Police Department at 707-441-4305

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