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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: EPD Press Release-One Arrested outside Local Motel during POP Investigation

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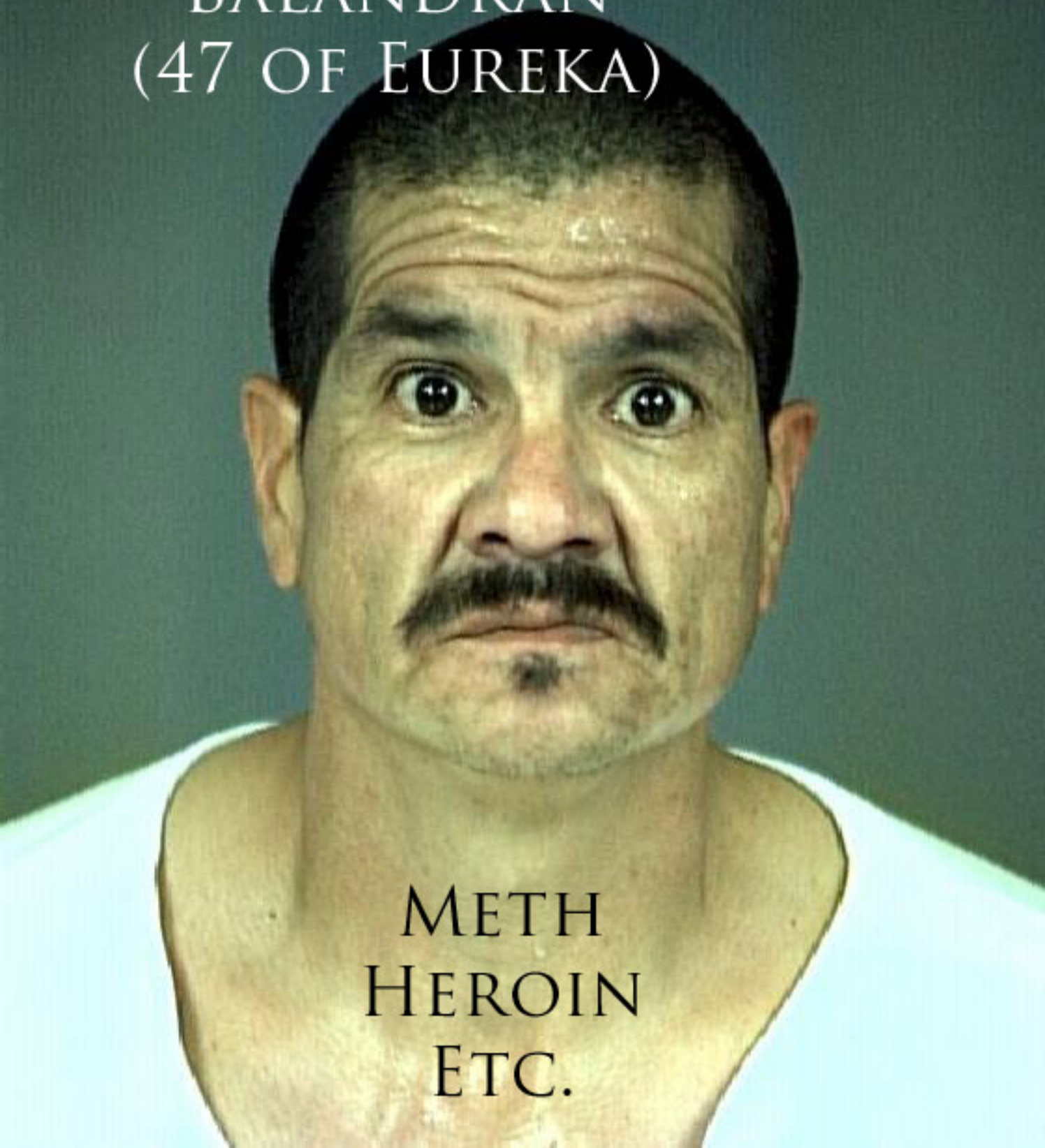
On 6-01-10, at about 3:26 PM, an officer with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) was conducting a patrol check for narcotics activity at a motel in the 2100 block of Broadway, Eureka. The officer observed a male leaving a Toyota sedan he'd just parked in the motel's parking lot. The officer contacted the male, later identified as Edward Morales Balandran (47 of Eureka), and learned his driver's license was suspended for non-payment of child support. Balandran happened to be currently under investigation by POP for suspected drug sales from the motel.

Upon further questioning, Balandran admitted he may have some marijuana in his car. During a subsequent search of the Toyota, officers located drug use and sales paraphernalia, including: methamphetamine pipes, a digital gram scale with suspected heroin residue on it, a loaded syringe containing suspected heroin, a small bindle of tar heroin, a small quantity of hash, unlawfully possessed prescription pills (including Suboxone—a DEA Schedule III prescription medication for treating opiate addiction), and approximately 4.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine.

Balandran was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession and transportation of methamphetamine, possession of heroin and other specified controlled substances, possession of hash, possession of a hypodermic syringe, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving with a suspended driver's license.

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EDWARD MORALES
BALANDRAN
(47 OF EUREKA)



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