



Eureka Police Department Press Release

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Subject : Man arrested after he tried to steal a CALTRANS truck in a construction zone.

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On 6/13/10 at about 8:07 a.m., the Eureka Police Department received a report from Caltrans via CHP that a man had just attempted to steal a CalTrans construction vehicle from their construction zone in the northbound lanes of US 101 at the Slough Bridge.

CalTrans workers were at the scene when a strange transmission suddenly came over their radios. A man, later identified as LAKS Dan - age 40 of Los Angeles, was asking how to get a truck started. When asked who he was, he identified himself as "Dan."

He had gotten into a construction truck parked at the scene and started it, but couldn't get it into gear. This particular truck was parked in the traffic lane as a way of protecting workers from oncoming traffic.

After a few moments he jumped out of the truck and began to walk away, northbound on US 101. He walked by several shovels that were leaning against the guardrail and grabbed a couple. He was told by CalTrans workers to put them back, and he complied.

EPD officers searched the area and located LAKS in the rear parking lot of Mid-City Motors. He was identified by a CalTrans employee and was arrested for attempted vehicle theft.

LAKS was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

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