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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Subject:** Third Street Heroin Dealer Arrested...Again

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**Released by:** Captain Watson

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On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at about 12:35 PM, detectives with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) served a search warrant at 216 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Eureka. The apartment building, commonly referred to as the "Heroin Hilton," is owned by Floyd and Betty Squires and is part of the receivership action currently before Judge Dale Reinholtsen.

The warrant was served on an apartment occupied by 65-year-old Danny Herring and 78-year-old Clara Lurine Smoker after POP detectives received information Herring was continuing to deal heroin from the property.

During a subsequent search of the apartment, detectives located a small amount of heroin, drug use paraphernalia, and packaging material consistent with narcotics sales activity. Live firearm ammunition was also found. Based on information obtained during this ongoing investigation, Herring was also believed to be selling heroin to the homeless in the vicinity of the apartment building and nearby Saint Vincent De Paul Dining Facility.

Herring was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession of heroin for sale, maintaining a drug house, felon in possession of ammunition, conspiracy to traffic narcotics, and for committing a felony while out on bail. Herring's bail was set at \$50,000.00. Smoker was arrested for possession of heroin for sale, maintaining a drug house, and conspiracy to traffic narcotics.

Additionally, Herring had previously been arrested by a POP detective on 5/31/17 for possession of



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heroin for sale outside the same apartment.

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### **Previous EPD press release by Captain Watson dated 6/01/17:**

On 05/31/17, at about 1:45 PM, a detective with the Eureka Police Department's plainclothes Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) was looking for a wanted felony warrant suspect he'd just observed in the vicinity of 3<sup>rd</sup> and C Streets, Eureka. When the detective entered the common hallway of a nearby apartment building located on the 200 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, he saw 65-year old Eureka resident Danny Herring sitting in chair. He was familiar with Herring from prior law enforcement-related contacts.

Herring was openly smoking from a methamphetamine pipe, which he unsuccessfully tried to conceal from the detective in a nearby trashcan. After retrieving the pipe, the detective detained and searched Herring for additional contraband. Inside Herring's pockets, the detective located a small quantity of methamphetamine, a plastic bag containing over one ounce of black tar heroin, and 4 smaller bindles of heroin individually packaged for sale.

Herron was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of heroin for sale. (Herring was not the warrant suspect the detective was originally seeking.)

Anyone with information concerning suspected narcotics related crime occurring in the City of Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373, or the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 444-8095.

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