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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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On 5-31-2011, Officers of the Eureka Police Department were dispatched to the 2400 block of Chester Street in Eureka for a reported burglary. Officers were advised by the victim that sometime during the week while the residents were out of town, unknown subjects had entered the residence and stole several thousand dollars in antiques. Also taken during the burglary was the victim's vehicle, which had been in the garage of the residence.

While officers were taking the report and processing the crime scene for trace evidence, the surrounding area was searched for the vehicle. The vehicle was soon found abandoned on Montgomery Street in Eureka. The vehicle was processed and released back to the victim.

Soon after the burglary, descriptive lists of the stolen property were distributed to the local pawn and antique stores.

On 6-15-2011 at about 1719 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Fifth Street, to a suspicious subject attempting to sell suspected stolen property at a local antique store. The store owner had called to report that a subject was attempting to sell items closely matching that of items taken in the burglary on 5-31-2011.

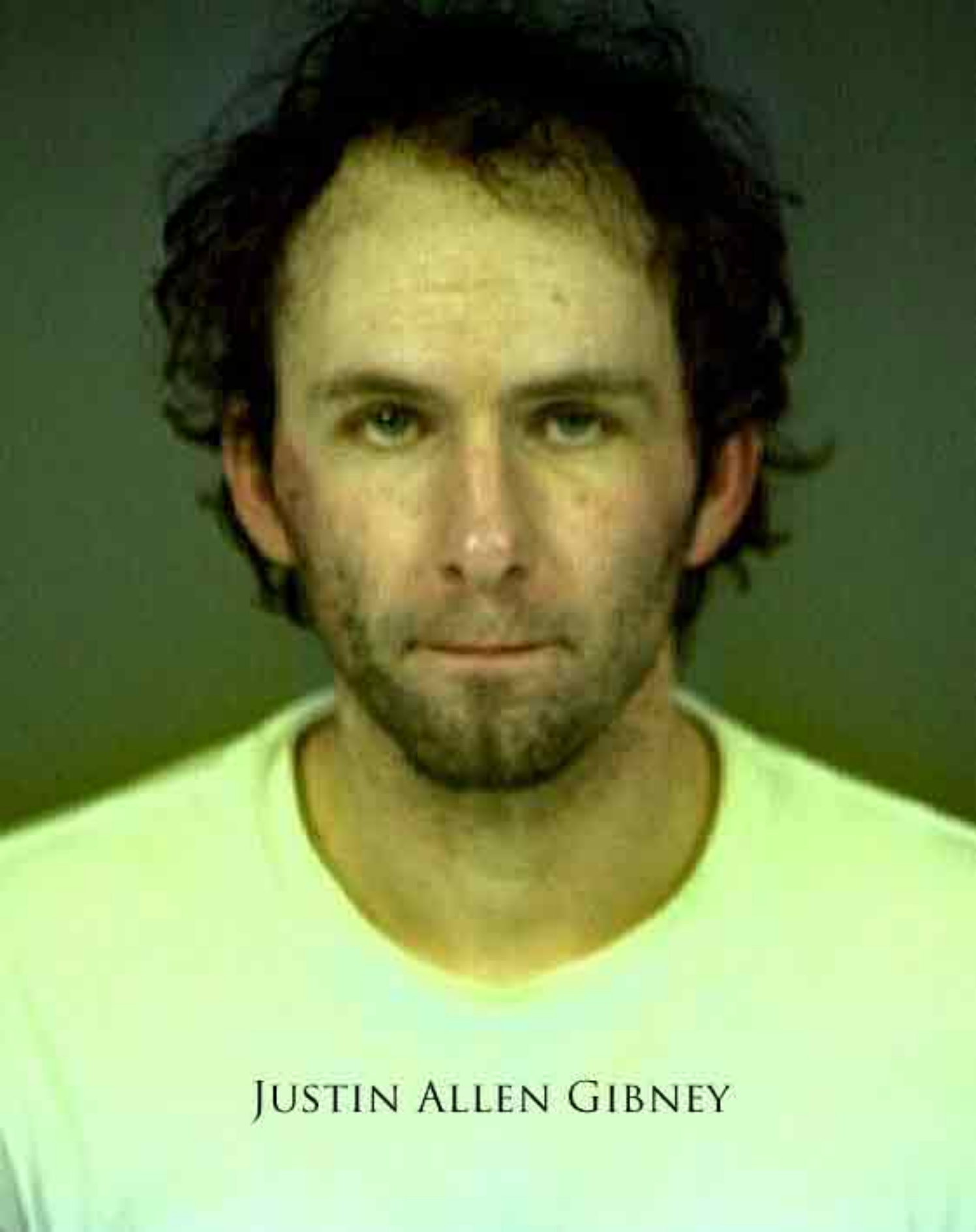
Officers arrived on scene and contacted the subject, identified as Justin Allen Gibney (27 years old of Eureka).

After being contacted by Officers, Gibney attempted to flee on foot. A short foot pursuit was initiated, but Gibney was quickly taken into custody with the use of the Police K-9 (Jimmy). Gibney suffered minor dog bite injuries as a result of his flight.

Gibney was interviewed by Detectives and then booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Gibney was held on \$25,000 bail.

Upon checking with the HCCF on the morning of 6-16-2011, Gibney had posted bail and was released from custody.

This is an ongoing case. Further investigation and search warrant services are anticipated. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact Eureka Police Senior Detective Todd Wilcox at 441-4315.



JUSTIN ALLEN GIBNEY