## **NEWS RELEASE**

On 5-31-2012 at about 10:50 pm, Officers of the Eureka Police Department responded to a reported robbery that had just occurred in the area of the 1600 block of California Street.

Upon arrival officers were told by the victim that he had been confronted by three subjects. During the robbery the suspects brandished a knife and physically assaulted the victim by punching and kicking him. They then stole the victim's bicycle and baseball cap, prior to their fleeing the area on foot.

The area was checked, but the suspects were not located. The victim was able to supply the serial number for the bicycle.

On 6-1-2012 at about at about 1948 hours, Officers were dispatched to the vicinity of Simpson and A Streets, to attempt to locate one of the suspects and the victim's bicycle. Dispatch advised that the victim had called to report that he had seen his bicycle at this location. The bicycle was being ridden by a male suspect. Officers arrived on scene and quickly located a suspect on a bicycle that closely matched the described suspect. The suspect was detained and the victim soon identified the suspect as one of the subjects that had robbed him. A serial number check confirmed that the bicycle was the victim's. The suspect, identified as Matthew Lyle Dilley (25 years old of Eureka) was positively identified by the victim and he was taken into custody.

Dilley was later booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of Robbery, Conspiracy, Possession of stolen property, parole violation and brandishing. Dilley is not eligible for bail, due to his parole status.

As a result of the investigation into this matter, a second suspect has been identified as Stephen Larry Edwards (22 years old of Eureka). On 6-1-2012, Officers responded to Edwards' home, in an attempt to locate and take Edwards into custody. A search of the residence was conducted, however Edwards was not home. The Eureka police will continue their efforts in finding and taking Edwards into custody.

This is an open investigation and further details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information concerning Edwards' whereabouts or the crime itself, is urged to contact the Eureka Police Department. 707-441-4044.

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## MATTHEW DILLEY

