



# Eureka Police Department

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### **Subject: Armed Passenger Arrested after Fleeing EPD Traffic Stop**

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On 7/13/10, at about 12:24 PM, a Eureka Police Department officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet Camaro in the vicinity of Albee and West Everding Streets. The Camaro had no front license plate and it matched the description of the suspects' vehicle involved in an earlier purse theft.

After the Camaro came to a stop, its passenger, later identified as Sammy Lee Sack (33), suddenly exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officer pursued Sack as he ran westbound on West Everding Street, northbound on Albee Street, and then westbound through an alley. As the officer chased Sack through the alley, he saw Sack throw an object over a nearby fence. The officer caught and detained Sack a short time later.

During a search incident to his arrest, officers located suspected concentrated cannabis and drug paraphernalia (needles and a meth pipe) on his person. Officers then backtracked to where Sack was seen tossing an object over a fence. Officers located a .22 caliber Ruger semi-automatic pistol in a backyard at this location. The pistol was loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition.

Meanwhile, the driver of the Camaro, Steven Michael Ridley (25), remained with the vehicle and was detained by another officer. Officers subsequently located a stolen purse on the Camaro's backseat. The purse had been taken earlier that morning from a locked vehicle parked in front of a residence in the 3000-3300 block of R Street, Eureka. The suspects had already attempted to use the victim's credit cards at various locations around Eureka. They had also reportedly called the victim and offered to sell her purse back to her near a business in the 600 block of West Harris Street.

Sack was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for being a felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded concealed firearm, possession of stolen property, probation violation and assorted drug related offenses. Ridley was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of stolen property.

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SAMMY SACK



STEVEN RIDLEY

