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Subject: Serial Thieves Arrested

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On 07/21/15 at about 3:54 p.m., Officers with the Eureka Police Department conducted a routine traffic stop at the 1000 block of Broadway. The two occupants were quickly identified as known serial thieves, James Cunha 43, and Rebecca Hamline 32, both of Eureka.

Cunha and Hamline were taken into custody for active wants based on probable cause for recent theft and vandalism cases. At the time of the traffic stop, Cunha was also a suspect in a pending call for service regarding check fraud.

Cunha and Hamline were transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for conspiracy to commit burglary, felony vandalism, and possession of burglary tools. A bail enhancement was sought and obtained for \$250,000 each.

Additionally, the District Attorney's Office is compiling a master case encompassing dozens of crimes throughout the county committed by Cunha and Hamline. They were arrested on some of those charges on 07/08/15 and booked into Del Norte County Jail. They were released on their own recognizance.

Cunha and Hamline both have prior convictions for conspiring together to commit burglary, theft, forgery, and fraud and have both served time in prison.

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