



Eureka Police Department Press Release

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Subject : Parolee Flees from Officer - Arrested with Loaded .44 magnum and Meth

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On 7/25/10 at about 6:00 pm, a Eureka Police officer stopped to contact a pedestrian on Brennen near Pine Street in Eureka. During the contact the male, later identified as FLETCHER, Caleb - a parolee, became quite nervous and uncooperative. During the interview Fletcher suddenly threw down his backpack and fled on foot northbound on Pine Street.

The officer gave chase and caught up to the suspect at Henderson and Pine Streets. The officer grabbed Fletcher and attempted to take him into custody, but Fletcher aggressively resisted. The officer was still attempting to control Fletcher when a citizen stopped at the scene and assisted the officer in getting Fletcher into handcuffs.

The backpack was recovered moments later and found to contain a loaded Desert Eagle .44 magnum handgun with the serial number removed, appx 6 grams of a substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine, a digital scale with what appeared to be crystal methamphetamine residue all over it, and \$280 in twenty dollar bills - believed to be drug proceeds.

Fletcher was transported to the St Joseph ER where he was treated and released for minor injuries sustained in the apprehension. The officer also received minor injuries.

Fletcher was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of:

- Possession of a controlled substance for sale
- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Resisting arrest
- Parole violation

The Eureka Police Department wishes to express its gratitude to the citizen who stopped to assist the officer with the apprehension of this dangerous felon.

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