



# Eureka Police Department

## PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject: Woman allegedly attempts to set a homeless man on fire**

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On 7/30/11 at about 9:05 AM, the Eureka Police Department and the Eureka Fire Department responded to the green belt area of the 1600 Block of Waterfront regarding a suspicious fire. Upon arrival, Officers discovered that the fire had been extinguished.

Officers contacted the homeless victim who was on scene. He told them that an unknown female suspect had intentionally poured a flammable liquid on his bedding while he was sleeping in the greenbelt. The suspect then ignited the fluid. The victim was able to get out from under his bedding and extinguish the fire without being injured. The suspect left the area on foot.

The suspect was described as a heavy set Native American or Hispanic female adult. She was last seen wearing a black "beanie" cap, a white shirt and blue pants. At the time of this press release the suspect hasn't been located.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Eureka Police Department (441-4060) or Detective Todd Wilcox (441-4315).

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