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Subject: POP Conducts Neighborhood Complaint-Based Enforcement Operation

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On 8/04/11, investigators with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) conducted a "maximum enforcement" operation targeting specific neighborhood problem houses within the City of Eureka. Approximately 8-12 locations were targeted based upon on-going complaints EPD/POP had been receiving about suspected criminal activity occurring at these residences. These complaints included allegations of suspected drug use and dealing.

During the approximately 7-hour operation, 5 suspects were arrested for various offenses including outstanding warrants and drug related charges.

John Michael Trapp (36 of Eureka) was arrested for several outstanding warrants at a residence on the 1300 block of M Street, Eureka. Trapp initially hid from officers in a locked back bedroom, but he was taken into custody after investigators forced the door open and found him hiding underneath a pile of clothing. Trapp's warrants (3) alleged offenses including providing false identity to a peace officer, driving without a license, unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance (\$50,000.00 felony bench warrant). He was booked into the Humboldt County Jail.

Aaron James Bramlett (27 of Eureka) was arrested for drug related offenses at an apartment on the 1200 block of 6th Street, Eureka. While speaking with Bramlett about the complaints stemming from his residence, investigators found several hypodermic syringes and two "cooker" spoons in his living room. Bramlett admitted to being an I.V. methamphetamine and former heroin user. He was transported to the Humboldt County Jail where he was booked for unlawful possession of hypodermic syringes and drug paraphernalia.

James Travis Derryberry (50 of Eureka) was arrested at a home on the 1200 block of A Street, Eureka after investigators found a small quantity of heroin and drug paraphernalia in the residence. Derryberry was transported to the Humboldt County Jail where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hypodermic syringes, and maintaining a place for purposes of drug use/sales.



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Crystal Nicole Stewart (30 of Eureka) was also arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Jail for outstanding warrants at the same residence on the 1200 block of A Street.

Ronda Sue Hayes (48 of Eureka) was arrested at a residence on the 1600 block of G Street, Eureka, after she was found to be trespassing on the property. She was taken into custody at the property owner's request. After being removed from the property, Hayes was cited and released for misdemeanor trespassing and outstanding warrants (the warrants allowed Hayes' release on her own recognizance).

Anyone with information concerning suspected drug sales activity or other neighborhood crime problems occurring in Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373.

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