

Fortuna Police Department

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Thief in Fortuna steals lottery tickets and loses



On 10/12/2016 at about 8:12 AM an officer responded to the Chevron gas station at 875 Main St. for a report that a male subject was attempting to redeem stolen lottery scratcher type tickets.

The officer contacted a male inside the business, identified as Timothy Belisle, age 27, of Fortuna. Belisle was a suspect in an earlier Burglary from another gas station convenience store. The officer could see several scratcher-type lottery tickets protruding from Belisle's back pocket and later discovered that Belisle had three drug related arrest warrants.

The officer informed Belisle that he was placing him under arrest. Belisle became uncooperative and refused to place his hands behind his back. Belisle then attempted to exit out of the business door, while the officer had a hold of Belisle's arm. Belisle attempted to free himself from the officer's hold, however the officer was able to keep a hold of Belisle until a FPD Lieutenant arrived as back-up.

Belisle became combative and very resistive to officers as the two officers attempted to gain control of Belisle. Belisle was eventually taken to the ground where he continued to struggle and resist. While on the ground, the two officers were able to handcuff Belisle.

Both officers received minor injuries as a result of Belisle's actions and did not require medical attention.

Officers found gloves, bolt cutters, wire cutters and numerous master lock keys on Belisle. Officers also located 12 confirmed stolen lottery tickets, .3 grams of suspected Methamphetamine and 3 hypodermic syringes.

Belisle was booked into the Humboldt County Jail on the following charges: Burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen property and the three outstanding arrest warrants.