Fortuna Police Department

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Home Invasion Robbery

On February, 28 2012 at approximately 1430 hours, Officer from the Fortuna Police Department responded to the 3300 block of Tami Court for the report of a Home invasion Robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival at the residence, Officer learned that the suspect responded to the residence to purchase marijuana from the resident. When the resident checked the money that the suspect had given him, it was determined that the money was counterfeit. When the resident attempted to confront the suspect about the counterfeit money, the suspect pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the resident and left with the marijuana.

A BOL was issued for the suspect vehicle, a newer model Black Dodge Challenger with Texas plates. It was later located in Garberville by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Items were located in the vehicle that was determined to be related to the Robbery. The items were seized as evidence and the occupants are released pending further investigation. Officers also received information from witnesses that a Black Honda was involved with the Robbery and was seen traveling southbound on Highway 101 with the Dodge Challenger. The vehicle was later located south of Garberville and the driver of the vehicle, Joshua Lee Hemp was detained. A search of the vehicle turned up the marijuana taken from the residence. Hemp was later positively identified by the victim of the Robbery as the one who committed the theft.

Hemp was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Jail, where he was booked on P.C. 211. The investigation is still ongoing at this time.

The Fortuna Police Department would like to thank the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol for all their assistance in this investigation.