



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Date:** 1/8/15

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**Subject:** Homicide Investigation-Cutten

**Case:** 201500104

## UPDATE

At approximately 8:45 am this morning deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office located the firearm in the field on the north/west corner on Cutten Elementary School property. The firearm was located just north of the baseball fields. The Superintendent for the Cutten Elementary School was notified that the weapon was located. The Superintendent then made the decision to return the students back to their school from the Ridgewood Elementary School, because the school was now safe.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 1/8/15 at about 3:00 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriff's Dispatch received several 9-1-1 calls regarding shots fired and screams heard in the area of the 2300 block of Holly Street in Cutten.

Responding units arrived at about 3:10 a.m. and discovered a male gunshot victim laying in the yard near the residence. Deputies requested emergency medical services and secured the scene prior to their arrival. Once EMS arrived they determined that the male victim was deceased. The identity of the victim has not yet been confirmed.

Deputies received information that involved male subject and female had been seen leaving the area of the shooting and where last seen walking in the direction of the Cutten Elementary School.

At about 4:20 a.m. a male subject was located near the scene and he has been detained at this time.

The female subject was also located at a nearby residence and is cooperating with Sheriff's Detectives at this time. The identities of the male and female are being withheld at this time pending further investigation.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating this case at this time.

A Security Alarm at the Cutten Elementary School was activated at about the same time the 9-1-1 calls for the shooting.

Sheriff Detectives have received information that the involved weapon may have been hidden on or near the Cutten School property. Sheriff Deputies are on scene at the school at this time conducting a search for the weapon/

The Cutten School Superintendent has been notified and the school property has been closed pending further notification from the Sheriff's Office. The School requests that school services will be transferred to Ridgewood Elementary School and any Cutten Elementary Students being driven to school can be dropped off at Ridgewood Elementary School until further notice.

Further information with provided when available.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey  
Sheriff

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