



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Homicide

Case: 201404951

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 10-19-2014, at approximately 1:20 a.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a man shot at a residence in the 200 block of Olson Road, Shelter Cove. Deputies and medical personnel responded to the scene, along with medical personnel who staged, until deputies arrived, due to the suspect still being in the residence. When deputies arrived, they secured the weapon used in the shooting and met with the 48 year female suspect and a 43 year old female witness.

Medical personnel entered the home and determined the 32 year old male, identified as Ethan Loren Stroud, who resided in the home, was shot and was deceased. Sheriff's Detectives responded to the scene and a search warrant was obtained for the residence.

During their investigation, detectives learned that Stroud was the boyfriend of the 43 year female. Earlier in the evening, Stroud showed up at the residence intoxicated and assaulted the 48 year old female and the 43 year old female. During the assault, the 48 year old female was able to obtain a semi-automatic handgun which she brandished at Stroud, and told him to quit assaulting the females. Stroud

not only refused, but aggressively came at the 48 year old female who was holding the handgun, who then shot Stroud.

Witnesses' statements and evidence at the scene were consistent with what the 48 year old female told detectives. The female victims had visible injuries and complaint of pain. The 48 year old female was transported and treated at a local hospital for her injuries. The 43 year old victim refused treatment.

No arrests have been made at this time, the investigation is ongoing and detectives will be sending the case to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for their review and final determination on whether any charges will be filed.

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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