



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Date:** 10-22-2014

**From:** Lt. Steve Knight  
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**Subject:** Hash Lab Arrest

**Case:** 201404992

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 10-21-2014, at approximately 11:30 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a domestic disturbance occurring in the 3600 block of Murray Road, McKinleyville. When deputies arrived at the residence, they met with the adult female victim who told the deputies her boyfriend, John Walter Wilson, 56 years old, had just exited the rear of the residence. Deputies located and detained Wilson who is on active parole.

Deputies spoke with the victim who told them she and Wilson live together and were in a relationship and had been arguing. During the argument, Wilson accused the victim of stealing his marijuana and keeping the profits. Wilson grabbed a pellet rifle and threatened to strike the victim with it. He also threatened to kill her.

Deputies arrested Wilson for domestic assault. The deputies searched the residence and located the pellet rifle along with a can of bear mace and a can of CS tear gas. When deputies searched the garage they located a Hash Lab which consisted of numerous bottles of butane, sifters, PVC pipes, and loose marijuana, approximately 61 pounds of marijuana and 15 ounces of suspected concentrated cannabis. Deputies also located a nine week old chocolate lab puppy in the garage with the hash lab and marijuana. Deputies saw the puppy did not have food or water. Deputies had been at the residence approximately a week prior on an unrelated call, and saw the puppy had lost significant weight during that time period.

Deputies took custody of the puppy which was transported to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Animal Shelter.

Wilson was arrested for domestic battery, threats to commit a crime, being a felon in possession of tear gas, manufacturing a controlled substance, possession of concentrated cannabis and possession of over one ounce of marijuana. He was transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. His bail was set at \$500,000.00.

The victim did not require medical attention.

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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