





Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 10-7-2014

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Drug Arrest

Case: 201404762

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 10-06-2014, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Deputies drove to an address in the 1200 block of Vista Drive, Eureka to look for Dustin Whitten,. Whitten is wanted on two "No Bail" felony arrest warrants for possession of a controlled substance. When deputies arrived at the address where Whitten is residing, they saw a Red 2002 Volkswagen Jetta parked in front of the home occupied by a man and a woman. As the deputies approached the Jetta they saw the male passenger attempt to conceal something from their view. The male was identified Austin Edward Neuroth, 36 years old, from Eureka who is on felony probation with a search clause. The female driver was identified as Kayla Marie Tidwell, 23 years old. Both Tidwell and Neuroth were detained.

A Eureka Police Department narcotics detection dog was called to the scene to assist in searching the Volkswagen Jetta. The dog located approximately 5 grams of suspected methamphetamine and 6 grams of suspected hash concealed behind the gas pedal of the vehicle. A search of a purse on the driver's side floorboard contained six prescription sleeping pills in a prescription bottle with the label removed.

Tidwell's identification was located in the purse. Tidwell was questioned about the pills and she admitted to not having a prescription, and told the deputies a friend gave them to her.

Tidwell was arrested for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of a controlled substance. Neuroth was arrested for violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance. Both were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked. Tidwell bail was set at \$25,000.00 and Neuroth is being held without bail.

Deputies did not locate Dustin Matthew Whitten at the residence and are still attempting to locate him.

Whitten is described as: White male adult, 26 years old, 5'11" tall, 160 lbs, short brown hair and hazel eyes.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding his whereabouts or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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