



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 12-16-2011

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Wanted Burglary Suspect

Case: 201106684

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 12-16-2011, 8:30 a.m. a Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the 600 block of 3rd Street, Scotia in regards to a theft from vehicles that had occurred between 7:00 p.m. on 12-15-2011 and 8:00 a.m. on 12-16-2011. The victims' told the deputy they parked both of their vehicles in front of their residence the night before, only to discover the front window was smashed on one of the vehicles and a purse and its contents were stolen, along with a 9 mm handgun. The second vehicle was left unlocked so there was no damage; however a stereo amplifier was stolen.

At 10:30 a.m. the Fortuna Safeway store contacted the sheriffs office and told them the victims credit card had been used there at 6:00 a.m. this morning. The same deputy responded and viewed the store video. The deputy recognized the suspect as Benjamin Keath North, 26 years old, from Fortuna. The deputy also learned North used his Safeway Club Card to save money on the purchase.

The Sheriffs office has notified local law enforcement that North is wanted for burglary.

Suspect – Benjamin Keath North, 26 years old white male, 5' 9" in height, approximately 150 pounds, Brown eyes, Red/Auburn Colored hair

Anyone with information is requested to call the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line 707-268-2539

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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Benjamin North

