



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: December 17, 2013

From: Lieutenant Steve Knight

Subject: Armed Robbery

Case: 201306234 UPDATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 12-18-2013, at approximately 9:30 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriff's Detectives conducting follow up on the armed robbery located what appeared to be the truck used during the robbery. The truck was parked in front of a residence located in the 2900 block of Johnson Road, Hydesville.

Sheriff's Deputies, Fortuna Police and California Highway Patrol officers responded to the residence and surrounded it. The Hydesville Elementary School was near the residence so they were notified by the Sheriff's Office and kept their students in the classrooms as a precaution. Deputies attempted verbal and phone contact with the owner of the residence with no success. A Humboldt County Superior Court Search Warrant was obtained for the residence and the Sheriff's Office SWAT team responded to the scene.

SWAT Team members entered and cleared the residence. No one was located in the residence. Detectives are still on scene searching the residence. Additional Information will be released at a later time.

Anyone with information about this case is requested to contact Humboldt County Sheriff's Detective's Jennifer Turner at Ph. 707-268-3642 or Cheryl Franco at 707-268-3644. They can also call the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

PREVIOUS

On 12-17-13 at approximately 3:50 p.m. the Sheriff's Office received a call of an armed robbery that had just occurred at the Palco Pharmacy in Scotia. Responding deputies were advised that a subject entered the pharmacy wearing a hooded rain jacket and a hockey mask. The suspect approached the pharmacy staff, brandished a long barreled, large caliber handgun and demanded Oxycontin and Oxycodone. The suspect then fled the pharmacy and ran across the street where he got into a dark colored pickup and left the area at a high rate of speed, Northbound on U.S. Highway 101. Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, along with Officers from the California Highway Patrol, Fortuna Police Department, Rio Dell Police Department and a CHP helicopter responded immediately and conducted a search of the area for the suspect vehicle but were unsuccessful in locating it.

The vehicle is described as an early 90's model Toyota extra cab, possibly dark green in color, with aftermarket black wheels and damage to the driver's side of the vehicle. It also has a white and black decal in the driver's side upper corner of the front windshield, and a red decal in the lower corner of the passenger side rear window.

The suspect is described as male, approximately 5'6" tall, 150 lbs., blue eyes, wearing greenish brown utility pants, a green hooded rain jacket and a white hockey mask.

Anyone with information 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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