

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 12-22-2011

From: Lt. Steve Knight (707) 268-3606

Subject: Wanted Suspect

Case: 201106587

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On 12-5-2011, a vehicle was broken into in the Lundbar Hills area of Eureka. The victim reported her purse and credit cards being stolen from her vehicle. (See Eureka PD Case # 3C11-9302).

The Sheriffs Office was notified by the victim on December 9, 2011 that her stolen credit card had been used at Safeway 2555 Harris St , Eureka on December 6, 2011, and there were two attempts to purchase fuel with her credit card. One attempt was at Murrish Market fuel pumps in Carlota on December 6, 2011, the other at Renner Card Lock Gas Station, Fernbridge on December 7, 2011. Both times the card was declined.

On 12-21-2011, a deputy sheriff responded to Safeway on Harris Street, Eureka and the Renner Gas Company and obtained video tapes of the suspect using the stolen cards. The deputy watched the video tapes and recognized the suspect as Benjamin Keath North, 26 years. North is wanted for using a stolen credit card at the Fortuna Safeway on December 16, 2011. Suspect - Benjamin Keath North, 26 years, WMA, 5' 9", approximately 150 pounds,

brown eyes and red/auburn colored hair

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding North is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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Benjamin Keath North