

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Night Drop Burglar Case: 201306116

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On 12-23-2013 shortly after releasing the photos of the Night Drop Burglar the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Medford Police Department, in Medford, Oregon. Medford Police had similar burglaries occurring at several banks in Medford. On 12-16-2013, Medford Police arrested Ryan Daniel Kullrich, 38 years old from Bakersfield, California for stealing from bank night drops in Medford.

Humboldt County Sheriff's Investigators are coordinating with Medford Police agencies throughout California and Oregon to determine if Kullrich was responsible for crimes in Humboldt County and other jurisdictions.

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On 12-10-2013, at approximately 12:30 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from US Bank in Scotia who reported someone had tampered with the night drop, and attempted to fish money out of the night drop.

A deputy responded to the US Bank and met with the assistant manager. She told the deputy she went to empty the night drop box and noticed one of the deposit envelopes was stuck in the drop box. When she tried to remove the stuck envelope she felt a sticky substance on her hands. She saw several

pieces of sticky cardboard were stuck to the caught envelope and they were attached to a string. The Assistant Manager told the deputy there should be surveillance photos of the suspect.

On 12-11-2013, the investigating deputy learned Fortuna Police had a similar type of crime which occurred at Redwood Capital Bank in Fortuna. In the Fortuna case, it appeared two males and a female may be involved. In the Fortuna Police case the suspect(s) succeeded in stealing items from the night drop.

On 12-23-2013 the investigating deputy received an e-mail from US Bank with photographs of a possible suspect. The suspect also stole money from several banks, including Citibank and US Banks in Arroyo Grande and San Louis Obispo, California besides the US Bank in Scotia. The suspect in the photos is possibly the same suspect, although in the US Bank photo in Scotia he has a shaved head.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case 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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