



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Date:** 03-25-2014

**From:** Lt. Steve Knight  
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**Subject:** Marijuana Investigation

**Case:** 201401339

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 03-25-2014, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's office received a call regarding a gray 1975 International bus parked in the area of Rocksprings Road and Johnson Road, Hydesville. The caller was concerned the bus was illegally camping in the area.

A deputy responded and spoke with a man who was identified as Michael Barny McBride, 29 years old, from Willits. McBride was seated in the driver's seat of the bus. When the deputy spoke with McBride he could smell the strong odor of green marijuana. The deputy asked McBride if he had marijuana in the bus. McBride told the deputy there was about an 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an ounce in the bus. The deputy asked McBride if he was sure, and McBride then admitted there may be more than that quantity in the bus. The deputy detained McBride and his passenger, who verbally identified himself to the deputy as Joseph Edwards. The deputy searched the bus with the assistance of other deputies who arrived on the scene. They located approximately 174 pounds of dried processed marijuana in large plastic bags in the bus. The deputies seized the marijuana and arrested McBride and Edwards.

McBride and Edwards were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked on charges of cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana. The investigating deputy learned Joseph Edwards was a false name, his true name was Joseph Nicholas Moosreiner, 29 years old and that Moosreiner was wanted for violation of parole by the State of Wisconsin. Moosreiner was also charged with providing a false name to a police officer. McBrides bail was set \$75,000.00. Moosreiner is being held without bail.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office 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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