

## **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Date:** March 3, 2015 From: Sgt. Bryan Quenell

(707) 445-7251

Subject: Armed Robbery Case: 201500978

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 03-02-2015, at approximately 10:40 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call of an armed robbery which just occurred at the Freeway 76 Gas Station at 1090 Murray Road, McKinleyville. The clerk reported a suspect entered the store armed with a rifle, stole cash from the register and fled eastbound on Murray Road. Deputies arrived on scene within a minute of the call being dispatched and began searching the area for the suspect.

The investigating deputy met with the clerk who told the deputy she had momentarily entered the walk in cooler when the store was empty. The clerk exited the cooler upon hearing a bell, indicating someone entered the store. Upon exiting the cooler, the clerk found the suspect armed with a rifle. The suspect demanded the clerk open the register, during which time a customer entered the gas station. Upon seeing the suspect, the customer turned and left the gas station. The suspect stole the money from the register and fled the store on foot.

The suspect was described as follows:

**Suspect** – white male, approximately 5'4" tall, with a very thin build, with blue eyes, wearing a royal blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, black gloves, and a black ski mask.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding the identity of the suspect or his whereabouts 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. Additionally, the customer who entered the store is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office to provide a witness statement.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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