



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Subject:** Vehicle Stripping Arrests

**Case:** 201301066

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 03-02-2013, two Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff's were patrolling in the area behind the Ricks Avenue Apartments in Fairhaven, when they saw a black Ford Mustang parked on New Navy Base Road, near where previously located stolen vehicles were located in the sand dunes. The deputies contacted a passenger in the vehicle who identified himself as JD Michael Youravish, 27 years old from Eureka. While speaking with him he told the deputies the car he was in belonged to a guy named Zach who left walking towards the sand dunes. A check on the Mustang's license revealed the mustangs owner was Zachary Scott who was on felony probation with a search clause.

One of the deputies walked into the sand dunes to locate Scott. While doing so the deputy saw the previously stolen blue Nissan Truck which had been stripped of its tires and several other items. The owner of the truck had been working to have it removed by a friend or a tow company and had hoped to have it removed by March 3, 2103. As the deputy walked in the direction of the truck he heard noises coming from the truck. The deputy located Scott in the process of stripping the seats out of the truck. Scott was arrested for tampering with a motor vehicle. When the deputy returned to the Mustang and joined the other deputy, they told Youravish and Scott they were going to search the Mustang per Scott's probation. Youravish then told the deputies he had some credit cards he found, and he also hid his drug paraphernalia in the car. Deputies located several credit cards in Youravish's possession, one of which was confirmed reported stolen. The victim told the deputies his credit cards and wallet was in his car when it was stolen. One of the cards in Youravish's possession was from that car. Youravish told the deputies he found it on the ground in Henderson Center.

Scott was arrested for tampering with a vehicle and violation of probation. He was booked and released. Youravish was arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail as set at \$25,000.00.

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.

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## **Previous**

On 02-25-2013, approximately 10:30 p.m. a Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputy on patrol in the Fairhaven area saw a White Toyota Sequoia parked at the Fairhaven Boat Ramp. The vehicle was backed up towards the water and the doors were open. There was a white male adult wearing a hat and white t-shirt walking around the vehicle. When the deputy attempted to contact the driver to see what he was doing the driver suddenly sped away from the deputy towards Ricks Avenue, Fairhaven. The deputy attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle due to the erratic driving. The vehicle drove off the roadway and into the sand dunes to avoid the deputy who was in a patrol car. Additional deputies responded and the area was checked on foot for the vehicle in the dunes. Deputies located the vehicle in the dunes near New Navy Base Road and Simpson Private Road, Fairhaven. The vehicle was unoccupied. A check on the license plate revealed it was a stolen car. Deputies checked the area for the suspect and located another stolen vehicle, a blue Nissan Pick up truck that had been stripped. Deputies were unable to find the suspect.

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