



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Subject:** Arrest Made in Missing Person Case

**Case:** 2010000530

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humboldt County Sheriff's Detectives arrested a McKinleyville man this morning in connection to the disappearance of Jerry George last January. Detectives arrested Jacob Charles Steele, 21 after obtaining a \$1 million warrant for his arrest for the murder of Mr. George. With the assistance of Eureka Police Department's Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, Detectives arrested Steele at his father's residence on the 2400 block of Union Street in Eureka. Steele was taken into custody without incident.

Mr. George was reported missing January 22, 2010 by his girlfriend after failing to return home from an acquaintances' apartment the night before. During the nearly two-month investigation, Sheriff's Detectives discovered evidence that led them to believe Mr. George was a victim of a homicide. Detectives conducted dozens of interviews and served several search warrants. One search warrant was served at the apartment where Mr. George was last seen, the Reasor Road residence of Jacob Steele. Steele had told deputies that Mr. George had left his apartment the night of his disappearance and he hadn't seen him since.

Steele was booked into Humboldt County Correctional Facility on one county of murder. He is expected to be arraigned Wednesday.

The case is still under investigation and anyone with information about the case should call Detective Cheryl Franco at (707) 268-3644 or Sgt. Wayne Hanson at (707) 268-3639.

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Sheriff

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