



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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Subject: Wade Harris Arrested

Case: 201501881

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On 04-23-2015, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of Redwood Drive, Garberville. The driver of the vehicle, Wade Harris (age 33), is a local probationer with a search and seizure clause.

Deputies searched the vehicle Harris was driving and located numerous items consistent with burglary tools. The items included bolt cutters, zip ties, screw drivers, drill bits, gloves, and other tools commonly used to burglarize. Harris is also a person of interest in the home invasion robbery that occurred earlier this week on Holmes Flat Road. Due to this ongoing investigation, deputies seized \$6,686 that was on Harris' person.

Harris was placed under arrest for possession of burglary tools and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF).

While at the HCCF, an investigator with the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office interviewed Harris regarding a pending case where Harris was suspected to have disposed a handgun during a traffic stop. This case stems from an incident where Harris was stopped by an officer with the California Highway Patrol on 04-13-2015 in Eureka. During this incident, Harris fled from the officer and is suspected to have disposed of items from within the vehicle along the roadway while out of view of the officer. A loaded .45 caliber pistol was later located during a search of the area along the route where

Harris fled. Based on this information, the investigator subsequently placed Harris under arrest for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Based on Harris' long history of criminal activity, coupled with these most recent events and the increased level of violence associated with his criminal conduct, the investigator sought and obtained a bail enhancement pursuant to PC1269. As a result, Harris was booked at the HCCF with bail set at \$500,000.00.

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

Mike Downey
Sheriff

