



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Date:** 04-30-2015

**From:** Lt. Wayne Hanson  
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**Subject:** Attempt Suicide

**Case:** N/A

On 04-30-2015 at about 10:57 a.m. a Senior Correctional Deputy was conducting normal routine cell checks inside the Humboldt County Correctional Facility when he discovered an inmate hanging by his neck with a bed sheet in his cell. The Correctional Deputy immediately called for assistance from medical staff and other Correctional Deputies.

The inmate was immediately removed from the hanging bed sheet and first aid was immediately rendered by medical staff. Correctional staff called 9-1-1 and the Eureka Fire Department and an ambulance responded to the Correctional Facility. The inmate was transported by an ambulance to a local hospital under guard by a Correctional Deputy.

The inmate has been identified as 33 year old, Benaiah Stephen Tabbytite, who was arrested yesterday by the Eureka Police Department for two bank robberies in Eureka. Tabbytite bail was set at \$230,000 dollars.

Tabbytite is currently in critical condition at a local hospital. This incident is being investigated by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. Tabbytite was housed in a two man cell by himself.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey, Sheriff