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Subject: Firearm Arrest

Case: 200902850

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Eureka man last night after receiving multiple reports of a man brandishing a handgun and threatening his neighbors. At about 9:00 p.m. several deputies responded to the 2200 block of Mabelle Drive in Eureka where witnesses identified Anthony David Painter, 20, as the man who had brandished the gun. Witnesses also reported hearing two gunshots prior to the deputies' arrival. As deputies approached his house, Painter exited the front door. Deputies told Painter to come speak with them but he went back into his house. Painter then ran from the rear of his house and jump over a fence. Based on the information given to the deputies at the time, they believed Painter to be armed with a handgun. Sheriff's deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers and a Eureka Police Officer with a K-9 partner searched the area.

During the search, one deputy was able to continue interviewing witnesses. One woman reported that Painter had knocked on her door. She answered the door while holding her infant. She said Painter was holding a gun made a threat against her brother. Other witnesses said Painter had been on his roof brandishing a handgun.

Officers searched for painter for several hours. At about 11:15 p.m. a deputy spotted Painter near Humboldt Hill Road and Mabelle Road. The deputy ordered Painter to stop but Painter fled again. The deputy gave chase and additional officers responded to assist including a Eureka Police Officer and his K-9. The K-9 began tracking Painter and found him hiding in an open garage on Mabelle Road. Painter was given several commands to show officers his hand; he failed to comply. Painter was concealing his right hand under his shirt. Instead of showing his hands, Painter started to roll onto his right side, still concealing his right hand. Fearing that Painter was still in possession of a handgun, the Eureka Police Officer released his K-9. The K-9 was able to subdue Painter who was subsequently arrested.

Painter was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize, exhibiting a firearm, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and a probation violation.

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Sheriff

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