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Subject: Attempted Murder Arrest

Case: 201003306

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MCKINLEYVILLE – Yesterday morning a McKinleyville man was arrested for two counts of attempted murder after he fired a rifle into a residence on Cottonwood Avenue. Shortly after 7:00 a.m. deputies were called to the residence when several neighbors heard shots being fired. When deputies arrived, witnesses reported that the suspect, later identified as Joshua David Nahm, 30, had fired several shots while sitting in his parked vehicle in front residence. Nahm then drove away. The house had evidence of being hit by gunfire, including a broken window and a bullet hole through the door. There were two people sleeping inside the residence at the time of the shooting; neither was injured but a bullet had stuck a lamp about two feet from where the couple had been sleeping. While the deputies were still at the house conducting their investigation, Nahm drove back to the house. When deputies contacted him, they located a rifle and ammunition inside his car. Deputies also located hypodermic syringes and multiple narcotic controlled substances, including morphine and hydromorphone. Deputies arrested Nahm at the scene and its unclear why he returned the to house.

The investigation revealed that Nahm knew the occupants of the residence. An ongoing dispute over some alleged stolen property may have led to the shooting. Nahm was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for attempted murder (two counts), shooting at an inhabited dwelling, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and multiple drug related offenses. His bail was set at \$1 million and he is expected to be arraigned by Tuesday.

Gary Philp
Sheriff

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