



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: Friday, June 28, 2013

From: Lt. Dave Morey

Subject: Homicide Investigation (supplemental 1)

Case: 201303291

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday June 27, 2013 at about 11:30 PM, Officers from the Willits Police Department located the black Jeep Cherokee that was believed to be operated by suspect Anthony Lane. The Willits Police Officers had received a "be on the lookout" broadcast issued by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for this homicide investigation. The vehicle was found in the parking lot of a motel in the Willits area. On June 28, 2013 at about 12:30 AM, officers of the Willits Police Department, with the assistance of deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, located Lane in one of the rooms of the hotel. Lane was taken into custody without incident and was transported to the Humboldt County Jail, where deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office took custody of Lane. Lane was booked into the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for suspicion of murder and possession of a stolen vehicle (the black Jeep Cherokee).

At this time the motive for the crime is being investigated. There **does not** appear at this time to be a connection with this homicide to the earlier marijuana cultivation investigation and arrests that took place in the same area. The homicide does not appear to be a home invasion, marijuana related or in association with the Garret Rodriguez missing person investigation.

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office is still in the process of notification of family members of the victim of this suspected homicide. For that reason, the name of the victim is not being

released. An autopsy is scheduled for Saturday June 29, 2013 and the cause of death is not being released until after the autopsy is concluded and it will not jeopardize the investigation. The lead investigator is Detective Franco (707) 268-3644 or (707) 445-7251, anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to telephone Detective Franco at the listed numbers.

PRIOR RELEASE

Detectives from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office are currently investigating a death that has been determined to be suspicious and suspected to be a homicide. The location of occurrence is the 3700 block of Rancho Sequoia Drive, Alderpoint, CA.

The reporting party called the Sheriff's Office at 8:50 AM. The reporting party stated that she had not heard from her step-father for the last four (4) days and drove to his residence in the 3700 block of Rancho Sequoia Drive. When she arrived she discovered her 37 year old step-father was deceased. Deputies and Detectives were dispatched to the residence and have ruled the death to be suspicious and are investigating the death as a homicide.

Detectives are looking for a black 2000 Jeep Cherokee, CA 5HNG536 which may be driven by Anthony Ray Lane, WMA, 510, 185, red and brown (DOB 09-18-1975). Lane is a person of interest in this investigation and is being sought for questioning by the Sheriff's Office. Persons should not approach Lane, if located, and are asked to call the Sheriff's Office if he is spotted. The lead investigator is Detective Franco (707) 268-3644 or (707) 445-7251.

The motive for this suspected homicide is not known at this time. Detectives are just now arriving at the time of this release. The name of the victim is not being released until additional family members can be notified. Due to the infancy of this investigation, the suspected cause of death is not being released, and will be once the Coroner is able to arrange for an autopsy.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

