



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 07-13-2015

From: Sgt. Jesse Taylor
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Subject: Burglary at Redway Elementary School
UPDATE: Suspect Arrested

Case: 201503312

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 07-13-2015, at approximately 12:00 p.m., a citizen contacted the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and reported that he believed the suspect in the Redway Elementary School burglary was currently standing near the intersection of Redwood Drive and Willow Avenue, Redway.

Upon Sheriff's Deputies arrival, they contacted **Michael Terrell Wilks** (age 26 from Hattiesburg Mississippi). Also present was the teacher who initially reported the burglary on 07-10-15. The teacher was able to positively identify Wilks as the same person that she observed sleeping in her classroom.

Wilks waived his Miranda Rights and was questioned about the burglary. Wilks admitted to entering the classroom with the intent to steal food. Wilks also stated that he needed a place to sleep for the evening and figured the school was a good place because it was summer. Wilks denied stealing the school's laptop computer or hand held radios. These items are still outstanding.

Wilks was placed under arrest for burglary and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Wilks' bail was set at \$50,000.

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

