



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Shooting

Case: 201004458

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FORTUNA – At about 8:15 this morning, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was notified that there was a man being treated for a gunshot wound at a local hospital. Deputies learned the shooting had occurred at a residence on the 3400 block of Hilras Way, Fortuna. Deputies learned the suspect in the shooting was Michael Alan Coen, 28 of Fortuna. Coen was believed to have left the residence in a white SUV; the vehicle was spotted a short time later by the Fortuna Police Department. Fortuna Police Officers saw a man flee from the vehicle after he parked it on Rocky Mountain Road, south of the Van Duzen River bridge. Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies, CHP and Fortuna PD Officers, DA Investigators, and agents with the FBI and the US Marshal's Service searched the area for several hours but were unable to locate Coen.

At the location of the shooting, Sheriff's Detectives made entry into the residence and found a man asleep on the floor. Upon waking him, he became aggressive and violent, head-butting one detective and spitting on another. That man, Charles Albert Kesselring, 24, was arrested for battery on a peace officer, making threats against an executive officer, obstructing/resisting a peace officer, and a parole violation. Kesselring's involvement in the shooting – if any – is still under investigation.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence on Hilras Way. The Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician is processing the residence and the vehicle for evidence.

Michael Coen is considered armed and dangerous. A reward is being offered for information leading the arrest of Michael Coen. Anyone with information regarding this case or the whereabouts of Coen should call the Fortuna Police Department at (707) 725-7550 or the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251.

Coen is a white male adult, 5'11" tall, weighing about 180 pounds. He has hazel eyes and close cut brown hair. Coen's torso is covered in tattoos. He also has several conspicuous tattoos, including red lips on his neck and a swastika on the back of his head. He also has the name "Sasha" tattooed on the back of his neck. He may have a goatee.

The victim of the shooting is in stable condition. Coen and the victim were known to each other; this does not appear to be a random act. Few other details are being released at this time. Additional information will be released as it becomes available and appropriate.

Gary Philp
Sheriff

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