



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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Subject: Wanted Suspect Caught

Case: 201403323

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On 07-19-2014, at approximately 9:15 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding three suspects observed trying to break into a neighbor's cabin in the Burr Valley area. The citizen told the dispatcher there were two males and a female involved, and they were in a black BMW. The citizen believed one of the suspects may be Ronald Snider Sanchez, 26 years old, who was wanted on an escape from custody charge, and violation of parole. Sheriff's dispatch ran a DMV registration check and determined the black BMW was registered to Sanchez.

As the deputies were responding, the citizens in the area began calling neighbors and alerting them as to what was occurring. Another citizen called 911, and reported he heard the suspects may have been at his cabin trying to break in. At approximately 10:30 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received a third 911 call, with the caller advising a citizen had the suspects black 2001 BMW blocked in with vehicles and stopped. A neighbor was now holding the suspects at gunpoint.

Deputies responded and met with the citizens at approximately 12:00 noon. When the deputies interviewed the witnesses, they told the deputies they had been warned by other neighbors about a black BMW driving in the area acting suspicious. When a 48 year old female witness saw the BMW near the Four Corners area of Burr Valley Road, she watched it. She saw the BMW drive to her neighbor's cabin which was not occupied. She watched the two male occupants of the BMW, one being Sanchez, exit the BMW, cover their heads with Hoodies and walk towards the cabin. When they saw she was watching

them from a hill top nearby, they immediately left the area. As they were driving down Buck Mountain Road, she called the Sheriff's Office and notified other neighbors, including the unoccupied cabin owner who resides in McKinleyville. She followed the BMW until she and another neighbor met up with it in the roadway and blocked it in with their cars. The other neighbor, a 30 year old male, then brandished a firearm at the suspects and told them he was holding them until law enforcement arrived.

The citizens told the deputy one of the suspects fled after being held at gunpoint for about twenty minutes. The suspect who fled told the citizen with the gun, he was Ronald Sanchez, and was wanted by law enforcement. He told the citizen would have to shoot him in the back if he was going to hold him any longer, because Sanchez did not want to return to jail. Sanchez ran off on foot.

Deputies determined the cabin the suspects approached was not broken into; however the same cabin had been burglarized in the recent past. The cabin owner showed up at the scene and told the deputies he wanted to pursue trespassing charges against the two suspects that were detained by his neighbors. Deputies arrested Mallory Tatum Lagace, 27 years old and Damen Rey Carlson, 19 years old, both from Eureka. They were both transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked and released on their own recognizance.

Deputies checked the area for Sanchez, but could not locate him.

On 07-21-2014, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the United States Marshals Service , California Department of Corrections and Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies located and arrested Ronald Sanchez at 2505 Garland Street, Eureka. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on arrest warrants. He is being held without bail.

On 07-21-2014, at approximately 1:45 p.m., the United States Marshals Service, California Department of Corrections and Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies drove to the 3300 block of E Street, Eureka and arrested Ronald Sanchez, Sr. 55 years old, on an outstanding arrest warrant for brandishing a weapon and terrorist threats. He was booked into the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility where his bail was set at \$30,000.00.

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.

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