



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: 07-20-17

From: Lieutenant Mike Fridley
268-3608

Subject: Residential daytime burglary

Case: 201703485

On 07-19-17 deputies responded to a report of a residential burglary on Johnson Rd in Hydesville. During the investigation it was determined that neighbors had seen a vehicle (attached photo) parked across the street from the victim's residence earlier in the day. Later the vehicle was spotted parked near the fire department. Witnesses additionally reported seeing two masked suspects, wearing all black, running from the area of the victim's home, carrying a duffel bag, and leaving in the vehicle. The vehicle was last seen headed towards Fortuna. The victim reported two compound bows and jewelry were taken during the burglary.

The suspect vehicle is described as a green 90s model Chevrolet pickup with a white tailgate. The vehicle appeared to be lifted.

Suspect seen in the vehicle while parked across the street: dark skinned male, short brown hair, stocky build, late 20's early 30's.

For the last several years there has been an increase in daytime burglaries. Residents are asked to keep a watchful eye on their neighborhoods. If suspicious persons or vehicles are seen, try to get a good description, and call the Sheriff's Office.

If anyone has information on this incident please call the Sheriff's Office at 445-7251

UPDATED INFORMATION:

Within hours of the publication of this press release the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous tip that the suspect vehicle involved in this burglary was currently in the city of Fortuna. Officers from the Fortuna Police Department responded to the vehicle location at the request of the Sheriff's Office. Fortuna Officers located the associated vehicle and arrested two suspects. One of the bows and additional property belonging to the victim were located. Deputies are currently on scene and have taken over the investigation. An additional media release will be issued tomorrow with more information. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the anonymous tipster.

UPDATED UPDATED INFORMATION

Last night deputies continued to investigate this incident. 23 year old Johnny Ray Mobley was located hiding in the attic of a residence near where the suspect vehicle was located. Stolen property was also located in the attic with Mobley. Additionally Mobley had 3 out of county felony warrants for various narcotics charges. The second suspect was arrested on an outstanding warrant, but probable cause for an arrest in this incident did not exist at this time. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the local media, especially the on line sites the Lost Coat Outpost, and the Redheaded Blackbelt. This investigation spotlighted how Sheriff's Office, the public and

the media can all work together. With the increase in crime neighbors are the piece of the puzzle the Sheriff's Office really needs. The Sheriff's Office also participates in managing local neighborhood watch programs. If a neighborhood is interested in starting a watch please contact the Sheriff's Office at 445-7251. We can provide signs, instruction and documents to set up a team.