



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 07-28-2014

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Heroin and illegal fireworks arrest

Case: 201403445

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 07-26-2014, at approximately 9:51 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received multiple (at least 17) 911 calls regarding loud explosions coming from the area of Nancy Court, Eureka. The explosions were loud enough that the Sheriff's Dispatch Center in Eureka, approximately three miles away heard the explosions.

When deputies and Humboldt Bay Fire personnel arrived in the area they began speaking with witnesses who directed them to a residence located at 854 Nancy Court, Eureka. When the deputies were approaching the home, a 22 year old male, later identified as Matthew Robert Williams, from Eureka exited the residence. They detained Williams and told them what they were investigating. A second male exited the residence and was identified as Bijan Taherikermani, 53 years old. As deputies spoke with Taherikermani they saw he had a plastic bag protruding from his pocket. The bag was removed from Taherikermani's pocket, and deputies saw it contained heroin. It was later weighed and was approximately three grams.

The deputies located three metal mortar tubes in front of the residence. Two of the tubes were still standing upright in the grassy area, near the driveway. When the deputies questioned Williams and Taherikermani, they admitted to shooting off three, four and five inch mortars in front of the home.

Deputies learned Matthew Williams was on formal and summary probation, with a search clause. Deputies searched a 2002 Ford Sport utility vehicle that Matthew had the key for in his hand when the deputies arrived. In the sport utility vehicle, deputies located several bags with heroin in them, with a total weight of approximately 100 grams, and a live .40 caliber bullet.

Williams was arrested for violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of illegal fireworks and possession of live ammunition by a prohibited person. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked. Williams bail was set at \$50,000.00.

Taherikermani was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of illegal fireworks. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional facility and booked; his bail was set at \$25,000.00

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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