

## **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**

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Date: 07-29-2013 From: Lt. Steve Knight

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Subject: Attempted Robbery Case: 201303828

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 07-28-2013, approximately 4:45 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of an attempted robbery of the Freeway 76 Gas Station, 1021 Murray Road, McKinleyville. When deputies arrived at the gas station they met with the clerk. The clerk told the deputies he was in the refrigerator area when he heard the alarm bell which notifies him someone enters the store. The clerk saw a male dressed in a grey wig wearing a mask, sun glasses and a tan cape with big boots come to the counter. The suspect put a bag on the counter and was tapping the counter with a metallic object that was covered. The clerk believed the suspect was indicating he wanted the bag filled up with money. The clerk asked the male suspect of he was serious or joking. The male did not speak, however kept indicating he wanted the bag filled with money. The clerk refused to fill the bag and the suspect walked away towards Murray Road.

Deputies checked the area and found the disguise hidden in the bushes of near the Hammond Trail by Murray Road, McKinleyville. They also located a male hiding in the bushes nearby. The male told the deputies he saw their spotlight and got scared, so he hid in the bushes. He identified himself as Roy Lynn Scoggins, 22 years old from Myers Flat. Scoggins denied attempting to rob the store. Deputies located brass knuckles in Scoggins possession. The clerk could not identify Scoggins as the suspect.

Scoggins was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for possession of an illegal weapon. His bail was set at \$50,000.00.

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.

