



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: August 15, 2011

Subject: Homicide Update

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Case: 201104471

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 08-13-2011, approximately 3:45 a.m. Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Officers responded to a stabbing that occurred at a residence on Cherry Flat Road, Hoopa. When they arrived they found a 35-year-old male with a puncture wound to his chest. The deceased male was pronounced dead at the scene. The deceased male has been identified as Franklin Doolittle of Hoopa.

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies and detectives responded to the scene and determined that 39-year-old Virginia Doolittle, stabbed Franklin, her brother, once in the chest with a knife during an argument causing the fatal injury.

Hoopa Valley Tribal Police located Virginia Doolittle at a residence on Pine Creek Road, Hoopa at 7:00 a.m. on 08-13-2011. She was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on one count of murder. Her bail is set at one million dollars.

The case has been sent to the Humboldt County District Attorneys Office for prosecution. The Humboldt County Coroners Office has scheduled an autopsy for later this week.

Anyone with information on this case is requested to call Detective Sergeant Wayne Hanson at 707-268-3639.

Sheriff

Mike Downey,