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NEWS RELEASE

UPDATE

Detectives from the Eureka Police Department Criminal Investigations Section were assisted by Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force in securing a search warrant for the residence where the fire occurred in the early morning hours of Saturday August 2, 2013.

Based upon the evidence located at the scene coupled with statements obtained from parties, it appears that this fire was the result of an illegal Hashish Laboratory.

Two suspects involved in this investigation have been arrested by officers of the Eureka Police Department. They are:

- 1) Andrea Marie Ruiz-Guerrero, 19yrs old of Eureka.
- 2) Logan Danny Oneal Hughes . 21 yrs old of Eureka.

Both suspects were arrested on two counts of felony child endangerment and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

There is no update on the condition of the Victim child at this time.

The investigation is ongoing. Additional charges are expected to be filed in this investigation. Information will be released as the investigation proceeds.

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On 8-2-13 at about 9:41 pm, officers of the Eureka Police Department were dispatched to the 1100 block of Searles Street for a possible "gunshot heard" call. While responding Officers were updated that it was an explosion from a possible illegal "lab" at an apartment complex at this location.

Upon Officers arrival, they located an approximately two year old child with extensive burns about the body. The citizens with the child directed officers to a specific apartment, which was believed to be the source of the explosion and

where the parents of the child were located. The child was released to Emergency medical personnel for treatment.

Officers contacted the parents of the child, who were exiting the apartment. The parents smelled of chemicals and had injuries consistent with burns. The parents were taken into custody. Officers entered the residence to check for further injured subjects and also to check for any further risks to public safety.

While officers were checking the apartment, they observed items consistent with a butane process hash extraction lab. They also located the area of the explosion/fire. Humboldt Bay Fire Department responded and assisted in the inspection of the apartment. Once police and fire personnel were satisfied there were no further safety concerns, the apartment was secured until a search warrant could be issued for the residence.

Both parents were transported to St. Joseph where they were treated for injuries they received from the explosion. The child was treated and will be transported by air to a "burn unit" in Sacramento.

This is an open investigation and further details will be released as they become available.

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