



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 08-7-2014

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Arson

Case: 201403626

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 08-06-2014, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was notified of vehicle arson at the U.S. 101 and Main Street, Fortuna off ramp.

When the deputy arrived she met California Highway Patrol Officers who were already on scene. The deputy saw a white 1989 VW Golf with Oregon license plates on the southwest side of the road that was completely charred.

The deputy learned the vehicle had been reported stolen on 08-01-2014 to Fortuna Police department, and was recovered by Fortuna Police on 08-04-2014 at the location the vehicle was burned. At the time Fortuna Police located the vehicle, the tires had been removed along with other items. The owner of the vehicle was notified by Fortuna Police about the vehicle's location and agreed to make arrangements to have it towed. Before the owner could have the vehicle removed, someone lit the vehicle on fire.

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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