



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Drug Arrests

Case: 201304032

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On 08-8-2013, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area of the Weott overpass in regards to a man and woman involved in a physical fight. When the first deputy arrived in the area he did not see anyone, however he did see a brown 1987 Dodge truck pull up to the stop sign at Weott Heights and Newton Road. The deputy watched the truck make a right turn and drive into a parking lot of a vacant business. A male and female were sitting in the cab of the truck. The deputy contacted the male who was in the driver's seat and saw he was visibly shaking and very nervous. The deputy asked the man and the woman passenger if they were the couple who had been fighting. The man told the deputy the fight involved their friends and they drove over to pick them up. While speaking with the male driver the deputy saw he appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. The deputy asked the male if he ingested methamphetamine recently. The male told the deputy he used methamphetamine about six hours ago. The deputy told the male to exit the truck, at which time the male told the deputy he had a gun in his waistband. The man was immediately taken into custody at which time the deputy located a loaded .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic pistol in the man's waistband. The man was identified as Jason Wayne Chapman, 38 years old, from Petrolia. The female was identified as Karissa Lynn Coffron, 20 years old from Weott.

The deputy located two plastic baggies containing approximately 4.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine in Chapman's pockets, along with a glass pipe for smoking methamphetamine. Inside the truck the deputy located a digital scale and \$523.00 in cash.

Coffron was questioned and also admitted to using methamphetamine recently and showed signs of being under the influence. She was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Both Chapman and Coffron were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked. During the booking process Coffron was found to have three baggies of methamphetamine concealed in her bra along with a syringe.

Chapman was booked on charges of carrying a loaded concealed firearm in a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, transportation of a controlled substance and driving under the influence. His bail was set at \$100,000.00. Coffron was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession and transportation of a controlled substance. Her bail was also set at \$100,000.00.

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

Mike Downey
Sheriff

