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Double Homicide - Case 201604450

Update (9/12/16):

The two decedents from the Hyampom homicide have been positively identified as Michael David Sims, 47 years old from Samoa, Ca, and Lawrence O'Connor, 56 years old from Eureka, Ca. Autopsies have been performed and revealed the cause of death of Sims and O'Connor to be gunshot wounds.

If anyone has information regarding this case, please contact Detective Peterson at (707) 268-3663.

Previous (9/6/16):

On Sunday, September 4, 2016 at approximately 11:30 a.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report from the Trinity County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) regarding a double homicide. Deputies responded to the incident location, a residence on US Forest Service Road 3N14 South Fork Mountain in Hyampom. Deputies met with TCSO Deputies and were told two male adults were deceased in the residence. Deputies located several living structures and large marijuana grow sites throughout the property. HCSO Detectives responded to investigate the homicides. The investigation at this time indicates multiple assailants. Additional suspect information will be released accordingly.

The Drug Enforcement Unit obtained a search warrant for the marijuana grows on site. The search warrant was served and revealed another marijuana grow on a neighboring property. A search warrant was obtained for the neighboring property and served on Monday, September 5th.

Autopsies will be performed on Tuesday, September 6th. Names of the victims will be released after next of kin has been notified.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case is encouraged to call Detective Peterson at 707-268-3663 or the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251.

Mike Downey Sheriff