



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Possible man with gun

Case: 201304788 update

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On 09-19-2013, approximately 4:00 p.m. deputies were contacted by a concerned citizen who told them they located a backpack near the corner of Central Avenue and Babler Road, McKinleyville. The backpack matched the description of the one Scoggins was seen wearing as reported by his mother. Inside the backpack were bolt cutters, a machete and other misc. items. However there was no firearm. Deputies went to the area where the citizen located the backpack and searched it. They located the firearm covered in some leaves behind a property in the 2300 block of Central Avenue McKinleyville. A check of the serial number confirmed it was the one reported stolen by Scoggins mother. Scoggins was booked on grand theft of a firearm, besides the arrest warrant.

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On 9-19-2013, approximately 1:30 p.m. a woman walked into the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office McKinleyville Station and reported her son just stole her snub nosed .38 caliber revolver and just walked into the McKinleyville Safeway with it in a back pack. She told the sheriff clerk at the station she was unclear what he intended to do with the firearm. She reported his name was Roy Lynn Scoggins III, 22 years old and said he was dressed all in black, including a black hat. Deputies and California Highway Patrol (C.H.P.) Officers immediately responded to the McKinleyville Safeway to look for Scoggins. A warrant check on Scoggins revealed he was wanted on a felony warrant for manufacturing a deadly weapon. While deputies were searching the store for Scoggins his mother reported she just spoke with

Scoggins on his cell phone and he told her he was walking by Ace Hardware on Central Avenue, McKinleyville. Deputies knew if that was true he was heading in the direction of McKinleyville Middle School. The Middle School was notified by the Sheriff's Office that a man reported to be carrying a gun in a backpack was walking towards their school. The school initiated a lockdown as a precaution.

Additional deputies and C.H.P. responded to the area and looked for Scoggins, but were unable to locate him. At approximately 1:45 p.m., the Sheriff's Office learned Scoggins may be enroute to a relative's home in the Ocean West Mobile Home Park, Murray Road, McKinleyville. Due to Morris Elementary School and McKinleyville High School possibly being on Scoggins route, they were notified as a precaution by the Sheriff's Office. Both schools chose to initiate a lockdown of their facilities as a precaution.

A relative of Scoggins provided his cell phone number to the Sheriff's Office. A dispatcher was able to contact Scoggins and spoke with him. Scoggins told the dispatcher it was a misunderstanding and he agreed to surrender to the Sheriff's Office. While walking to the Sheriff's Office McKinleyville Station Scoggins was located by a California Highway Patrol officer on Central Avenue near Railroad Avenue and was taken into custody without incident. Scoggins denied stealing his mother's firearm and no firearm was located in his possession. Scoggins was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on the felony warrant. His bail was set at \$10,000.00.

At the request of the three schools deputies and C.H.P Officers stood by at the schools as they were released to calm fears, even though Scoggins was in custody.

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.

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