

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: September 8, 2014 From: Lt. Dave Morey

Subject: Fieldbrook Double Homicide Case: 201404169

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On Saturday, September 6, 2014, autopsies were performed on the victims Harley Wayne Hammers Jr. and Angel Robin Tulley. Based on the autopsies, it was determined that Hammers and Tully died as a result of injuries sustained from a firearm. The type of firearm used is not being released at this time. A search warrant was issued for the vehicle that was associated with suspect Jason Michael Arreaga and the vehicle was searched. A firearm was located in the vehicle which may be associated with the double homicide but cannot be confirmed until further forensic exam is conducted on that weapon. No further details of this investigation are being released at this time.

Previous

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Detectives are continuing to follow up on the homicide of Harley Wayne Hammers Jr. and Angel Robin Tulley. They continue to interview and contact witnesses and will be serving a Humboldt County Superior Court search warrant on the vehicle Arreaga was driving the night of his arrest. Arreaga's vehicle was impounded the night of his arrest.

Sheriff's Detectives will also be attending the scheduled autopsies at the Coroner's Office on 9-6-2014.

Previous

On 09-03-2014, at approximately 5:07 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding shots fired and a deceased female at a residence in the 4400 block of Fieldbrook Road, Fieldbrook. Deputies and medical personnel were dispatched to the scene. While deputies were enroute the Sheriff's Office received additional calls with the callers saying the female was deceased near a trailer on the property and there was a male yelling for help in the driveway

The first deputy arrived on scene at 5:17 p.m. The deputy immediately learned there were two victims, an adult male, later identified as Harley Wayne Hammers Jr. 37 years old, from Eureka and an adult female, later identified as Angel Robin Tully, 37 years old, from Eureka, both whom had been shot. Hammers was located by the deputy across the street from where the shooting had occurred. Medical personnel treated Hammers for gunshot wound injuries and transported him Mad River Community Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Tully was declared deceased at the scene.

Sheriff's Office Detectives responded to the scene, and the California Highway Patrol, and Humboldt County Public Works assisted with closing Fieldbrook Road, from Anker Lane to Wagle Lane, which had become part of the crime scene.

Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives searched the area for a shooting suspect and spoke with witnesses. Detectives learned during their investigation the suspect was Jason Michael Arreaga, 29 years old from Lucerne, California. Arreaga had been in an argument with the victims. Detectives learned Arreaga was driving a Gold 2001 Buick four door sedan. A be-on-the-lookout was broadcast for the vehicle to law enforcement agencies.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., 09-04-2014, an alert Eureka Police Officer spotted the Buick driving southbound on US 101 as it was passing through south Eureka. The Eureka Police Officer followed the vehicle until Sheriff's Deputies arrived and assisted in the traffic stop. The vehicle was stopped on US 101 at Singly Hill off ramp, Loleta. Arreaga was driving the vehicle and Arreaga was arrested for two counts of homicide and was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked into jail. He is being held on one million dollars bail.

Detectives are still on scene, and still actively working on the case. They have requested Arreaga's photograph be withheld at this time while they continue interviewing eye witnesses.

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office has scheduled the autopsies to be conducted 9-6-2014.

Additional information may be released at a later time as it becomes available, this is still an active investigation.

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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