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NEWS RELEASE

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Today, Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming announced that yesterday a jury found 46-year-old Sharon Patrice Erickson of McKinleyville guilty of felony transportation of heroin.

The case began on August 27, 2014, when Humboldt County Deputy Sheriff Gagnon stopped a vehicle driven by Erickson in the area of School Road and Central Avenue in McKinleyville. Deputy Gagnon's background check of Erickson revealed her license was suspended and she was arrested. At the Humboldt County Correctional Facility a search of her purse uncovered more than 25 grams of heroin and a small digital scale. A more thorough search of the purse was later conducted, which revealed another quantity of heroin weighing nearly 5 grams. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Trenton Timm with the assistance of D.A. Chief Investigator Wayne Cox. Ms. Erickson will return to court for sentencing by Judge Reinholtsen on March 28, 2017.