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Subject: Eureka Prostitution Sting Nets 6 Arrests

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On 10/18/12, the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit, assisted by patrol, conducted a "prostitution sting" in Eureka's Old Town area. This operation was in response to complaints of prostitution activity along 3rd Street west of the Humboldt County Library.

Officers utilized male decoys or "Johns" (undercover officers) driving undercover vehicles. 3 women were arrested after soliciting the "Johns" to pay them money for sexual acts performed upon them.

A female decoy was also used, and 3 men were arrested after they offered to pay the officer money to perform sexual acts upon them. Additionally, a male contacted the undercover officer and discussed prostitution related topics with her (price of acts she might perform). He left the scene prior to agreeing to pay money to the officer. He was later contacted and warned about soliciting acts of prostitution.

During the course of the approximately 4 hour operation, the following suspects were arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional facility:

Females

- **Kristen Leilani Hill**, 39, was arrested for loitering with intent to commit prostitution and soliciting an act of prostitution.
- **Heather Deanne Amador**, 42, was arrested for loitering with intent to commit prostitution and soliciting an act of prostitution.
- **Casey Marie Hunter**, 31, was arrested for loitering with intent to commit prostitution and soliciting an act of prostitution.



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Males

- **Jason Garrett Shields**, 40, was arrested for loitering with intent to solicit prostitution, soliciting an act of prostitution and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.
- **Alexander Joint Smith**, 25, was arrested for loitering with intent to solicit prostitution and soliciting an act of prostitution.
- **Luis Carlos Valdez-Leal**, 21, was arrested for loitering with intent to solicit prostitution and soliciting an act of prostitution.

Press release prepared by Sergeant Adam Laird

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