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PRESS RELEASE

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Two Stops, Two Arrests, Two Firearms Seized

On 10-01-12 at approximately 2148 hrs, an officer with the Eureka Police Department conducted a vehicle investigation on a vehicle parked in the 2900 block of California Street after witnessing suspicious activity occurring at the vehicle. One of the occupants of the vehicle was identified as Sara Jean GIBSON (25 years old from Eureka.) A local warrant check revealed GIBSON had five (5) outstanding warrants for her arrest (2 felony and 3 misdemeanors.) A second officer arrived on scene to assist in the investigation. A purse belonging to GIBSON was located on the passenger seat where she had been seated. The purse was searched and during the search a 9mm, semi-automatic handgun was located. GIBSON, who is a convicted felon, was also arrested on the fresh charges.

GIBSON was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked for being a felon in possession of a firearm, probation violations, and for the warrants. GIBSON is being held on $50,000 bail.

At approximately 2215 hrs, as the second officer was clearing the previous vehicle investigation, the officer's attention was drawn to a silver, Honda Accord that had a loud exhaust. The officer ran the registration on the vehicle and learned it was expired as of June 2012. The officer conducted an enforcement stop on the vehicle in the 100 block of Long Street. The officer recognized the driver as Richard Barry Moon (32 years old from Eureka) and asked him for his driver's license. Moon advised the officer he didn't have a license. Moon, who has a history of fleeing from the law enforcement, was detained in handcuffs. A DMV check revealed Moon's driver's license was suspended and the officer arrested Moon for the violation.

An inventory search was conducted on the vehicle prior to it being impounded. During the inventory search the officer located a semi-automatic, .22 caliber handgun along with several hundred rounds of ammunition. The officer also located drug paraphernalia. Moon, who is a convicted felon, was placed under arrest for these additional violations and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. During the booking search, Moon was found to be in possession of suspected heroin, which he had secreted in his sock.

Moon was booked for being a felon in possession of a firearm, a prohibited person in possession of ammunition, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration and no proof of insurance.