



HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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PRESS RELEASE

Since August of 2019 the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) has served three search warrants on **Dustin Lawler** (36 years old Mckinleyville). The three search warrants were all served on his previous residence in the 3500 block of Dows Prairie Rd. in Mckinleyville. In January of 2021 the HCDF received information that Lawler was now selling drugs out of a mobile home in the 1900 block of Palomino Ln. in Arcata. This address is located within the Lazy J 55+ senior living park. HCDF agents conducted an investigation and were able to obtain a search warrant for Lawler and his residence.

On January 20th, 2021 special agents with the HCDF served the search warrant on the residence. Lawler was detained on scene along with three other visitors. Agents conducted a search and located the following evidence:

- * 629 Oxycodone pills
- * 16 steroid/HGH pills
- * 20 Xanax pills
- * 85 misc. pills
- * 7 grams heroin
- * 2 grams methamphetamine
- * two digital scales and packaging
- * \$4,980 in US currency

Lawler was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Jail for the following charges:

- H&S 11351 Possession of controlled substance for sale
- H&S 11375(B) Possession of controlled substance for sale
- PC 12022.1 Committing a felony while out on bail
- H&S 11366 Operating or maintaining a drug house

Lawler has shown a consistent pattern of selling drugs in Humboldt County with no intent to stop. Based off this HCDF agents requested a bail increase for Lawler along with a requirement to provide proof of where bail funds were obtained from pursuant to penal code sections 1269/1275 PC. A Humboldt County Superior Judge signed the order and Lawler's bail was raised to \$360,000.

Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at 707-267-9976.

Sergeant Matt Tomlin



