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PRESS RELEASE

On November 14th, 2022, Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agents served a search warrant at the residence of Joshua Buchanan (age 36) located in the 7000 Block of Berta Road in Eureka. After a multi-week investigation, the HCDTF believed Buchanan was selling fentanyl and was in possession of several firearms.

Upon arriving at Buchanan's residence, Agents detained an adult female who was accompanied by a young child. After a sweep of the residence, Agents confirmed that Buchanan was not on scene.

HCDTF Agents searched Buchanan's residence and located a large safe in the kitchen area. The safe contained multiple assault rifles, handguns, non-serialized firearms, one stolen firearm, high-capacity magazines, a suppressor, a large quantity of ammunition, and indicia for Joshua Buchanan. Buchanan is a convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

Also, in the kitchen area of Buchanan's residence, Agents located approximately 5 ½ ounces of fentanyl stored in a large plastic bag.

During the search of the residence, HCDTF Agents received information that Buchanan was possibly in the Rio-Dell area. The HCDTF reached out to the Rio-Dell Police Department and provided a description of Buchanan and his vehicle.

Shortly after, Rio-Dell PD was able to locate Buchanan in his vehicle. Rio-Dell PD Officers conducted a traffic stop on Buchanan where he was placed under arrest without incident.

Buchanan was transported to the Humboldt County Jail where he was booked for the following charges:

- 11351 H&S — Possession of fentanyl for sale
- 11370.1(A) — Possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm
- 29800(a)(1) PC — Felon in possession of a firearm
- 30605(a) PC — Possession of an assault weapon
- 30305(a) PC — Felon in possession of ammunition
- 33410 PC — Possession of a silencer
- 29180 PC — Possession of a firearm without a serial number

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.

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