



HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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PRESS RELEASE

On August 6th, 2019, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Special Agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at a motel located in the 800 block of Main Street, Fortuna. During their multi-week investigation, agents received information that **Brett Bothelia Mehrtens** (age 25) and **Cheyenne Lea Silva-Lovfald** (age 25) are trafficking heroin throughout Humboldt County.

Upon arrival, agents observed **Marcus Alan Coles** (age 24) departing the scene. It was believed Coles had just purchased narcotics from the room associated to Mehrtens and Silva-Lovfald. When contacted, Coles dropped a baggie containing suspected heroin. Coles was subsequently placed under arrest.

Mehrtens was observed exiting the motel room and he was detained without incident. Pursuant to Silva-Lovfald's probation terms, agents entered her motel room and detained her without incident.

During a search of the motel room agents located over an ounce of suspected heroin, several grams of suspected methamphetamine, digital scales, and other packaging materials. Agents also located a cooktop, blender, and other cutting materials.

All three subjects were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked for narcotics violations. Mehrtens was also booked for committing a felony while on bail. Agents obtained a 1275 PC hold on Mehrtens until a source of legitimate bail funds could be examined during a court hearing.

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 or the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 707-268-2539.

Sergeant Jesse Taylor









