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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: HOMICIDE SUSPECT ARRESTED

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Update: Over the course of this Homicide investigation the Eureka Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), with assistance from many sections within EPD, have been following up on several leads into the September 26 assault on Brett Keiling. On October 19, 2019, CID, working in conjunction with our Community Safety Enhancement Team (CSET), identified the suspect as Connor Whited (22), from Nashville, Tennessee. An arrest warrant was obtained and at approximately 1:00 p.m. today, Whited was located by a member of CSET and taken into custody without incident.

Whited was transported and booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for murder and is being held on a million-dollar bond.

The investigation has revealed that this was not a random act of violence and Keiling was the intended target of the assault.

This is still a very active investigation and further information will be released as appropriate. Anyone who has information about this crime should contact Sr. Detective Ron Harpham at 707-441-4305 or rharpham@ci.eureka.ca.gov.

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Update: The victim of the September 26, 2019 assault near the 400 block of Third Street has passed away as a result of the injuries received during the assault. This is now an active homicide investigation. The next of kin has been notified and the victim has been identified as Brett Keiling (55 of Indiana). An autopsy is scheduled for October 11, 2019.

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Original Release: On September 26, 2019 at about 5:25 a.m., a Sergeant with the Eureka Police Department was patrolling an alley near the 400 block of Third street in Eureka when he located an injured man. The 55-year-old male, who recently moved here from Indiana, was transported to a local hospital for emergency care. Investigators have determined that the injuries are from an assault that occurred at about 4:15 a.m.

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