



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Search and Rescue

Case: 201205219

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 10-20-2012, approximately 7:45 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 cell phone transfer from the Trinity County Sheriff's Office. The 31 year old female caller told the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher that she and her 16 year old daughter were lost. The call was dropped during the conversation. The dispatcher attempted several call backs with the victim to determine where they were at. The dispatcher was able to get a GPS Coordinate however off the cell phone and sent deputies to locate them. Deputies responded to the area of the GPS Coordinates and located the lost females on a roadway. The deputy had to drive into Trinity County via Van Duzen River Road and then back into Humboldt County to access the location near Coffee Pot Road, the Blocksburg Area of Humboldt County. Both females were found by the deputy curled up in the roadway trying to stay warm. They were in good health and required no medical assistance. They were transported by the deputy to their vehicle. They had been hunting in the area and became separated from their party. Meantime their cell phones battery had died during the calls to a friend and 911 seeking assistance.

The Sheriffs Office would like to remind hunters and hikers to tell family and friends where they are hiking, when they expect to return, bring appropriate equipment and clothing. This time of year the weather conditions can change rapidly. A cell phone, map or GPS is also very helpful. Keep in mind not all rural areas have cell phone coverage and a cell phone batteries need to be fully charged.

Mike Downey Sheriff