



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 07-5-2012

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Marijuana Search Warrant and Arrest

Case: 201203272

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 7-4-2012, approximately 11:00 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriff's Community Response Unit (C.R.U.) deputies served a Humboldt County Superior Court Search Warrant on a residence in the 4000 block of Little Fairfield Street, Eureka. When deputies served the search warrant they located two people in the residence, Austin Taylor Koren, 24 years old and Melissa Nichole Elkin, 22 years old, both from Eureka. Deputies located and seized approximately 9 pounds of processed marijuana, packaging material and scales in the residence. Two bedrooms in the home were being utilized to grow the marijuana, along with a grow area in a detached shed in the backyard. In the bedrooms deputies located 147 growing marijuana plants ranging from 3" to 18" in height.

Deputies arrested Koren and Elkin for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and conspiracy to commit a felony. They were transported booked into the Humboldt County Sheriff Correctional Facility. Their bail was set at \$75,000.00 each.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539. Humboldt County Drug Task Force can be reached at 707-444-8095. If you live in the City Limits of Eureka the Eureka Police Problem Oriented Policing Unit can be reached at 707-441-4373.

Mike Downey
Sheriff