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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Scott J. Mayberry, Chief of Police
Report Number: FG1300919, FG1300937
Date / Time Incident: June 28, 2013 / 2:00 p.m.
Location of Incident: Rite Aid, 490 South Main Street
Crime or Incident: Burglary, Resisting Arrest, Theft, Possession of Methamphetamine
Victim: Rite Aid, State of California
Suspect: Eric D. Sihm, 25 years of age, from Rowland Heights, California

CIRCUMSTANCES: On June 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. the Fort Bragg Police Department received a call from a community member who was inside of the Rite Aid Store at 490 S. Main Street. The caller reported seeing a person who was wanted by the police department in the store. The reporting party said they had read the Advocate News online and a person inside the store looked like the same person in the photo from the article they had read in the paper.

The reporting party was referring to a male subject, who on June 24, 2013 entered the Understuff Store on Franklin Street and attempted to pass a fraudulent credit card. When the card was declined the male subject wrote a fraudulent check and then left the store with hundreds of dollars' worth of clothing.

Officer Guydan followed up on the leads and arrested four persons for possession of methamphetamine and other related charges; however Sihm had gotten away and was wanted. (Refer to the press released sent out by this department on June 26, 2013).

On this date, Officers Guydan, Shaw and Wilder entered through the front doors of Rite Aid on South Main Street and were beginning to search the

inside of the store when they observed Sihm run out the south exit doors and continue southbound across Chestnut Street, entering the alley.

Officer Guydan chased Sihm and caught up to him in the alley way east of Starbucks Coffee. Sihm was detained until Officers could confirm he was the same person wanted by this Department. While searching Sihm's person Officers found prepaid credit cards and other items taken from the Rite Aid Store. Also found in his possession was a baggie of suspected methamphetamine.

He was then arrested and transported to the Fort Bragg Police Department for booking. While at booking Officer Guydan confirmed Eric Sihm was the same person who on June 24th had entered at least three different stores in Fort Bragg and passed fraudulent checks or used fraudulent credit cards.

"I would personally like to thank the community member who took the time out of their busy schedule to pause and call our Department to report seeing Mr. Sihm. I believe at the end of this investigation Mr. Sihm will be held responsible for several theft related charges up and down our state."

After Sihm was booked he was transported to Mendocino County Jail on several felony charges.

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