



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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Subject: Man with Shotgun

Case: 201300295

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On 01-18-2013, approximately 10:30 a.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received multiple 911 calls regarding a man with a gun, described as a rifle walking on Walnut Drive towards the Cutten Elementary School. Initial reports were the man was wearing a Camo colored backpack. Deputies were immediately dispatched to the area and arrived within three minutes. Deputies located the man who at that point had walked past the front of the elementary school. The man was holding a 12 gauge Remington 870 shotgun above his head as deputies arrived. The man was wearing a camouflaged tactical vest loaded with sixteen rounds of 12 gauge buck shot and slugs. The shotgun was unloaded. The deputies immediately detained the man and asked him what he was doing. The 18 year old male told the deputies, "I am on the way to the courthouse to make a point that law enforcement can not protect kids and I am going to protect the kids." The 18 year old male was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation and his weapon was seized.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

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Sheriff