



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Stolen Vehicles Recovered

Case: 201300978

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 02-25-2013, approximately 10:30 p.m. a Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputy on patrol in the Fairhaven area saw a White Toyota Sequoia parked at the Fairhaven Boat Ramp. The vehicle was backed up towards the water and the doors were open. There was a white male adult wearing a hat and white t-shirt walking around the vehicle. When the deputy attempted to contact the driver to see what he was doing the driver suddenly sped away from the deputy towards Ricks Avenue, Fairhaven. The deputy attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle due to the erratic driving. The vehicle drove off the roadway and into the sand dunes to avoid the deputy who was in a patrol car. Additional deputies responded and the area was checked on foot for the vehicle in the dunes. Deputies located the vehicle in the dunes near New Navy Base Road and Simpson Private Road, Fairhaven. The vehicle was unoccupied. A check on the license plate revealed it was a stolen car. The vehicle had been stolen on Sunday, February 24, 2013 from O'Neil Street in Eureka. Deputies checked the area for the suspect and located another stolen vehicle, a blue Nissan pick up truck that had been stripped. The Nissan had been reported stolen that same day, February 25, 2013, from a muffler business in Eureka. Deputies were unable to find the suspect.

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.

Mike Downey Sheriff