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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INVESTIGATION INTO BLUE LAKE POLICE CHIEF GUNDERSON ONGOING

District Attorney, Paul Gallegos, announced today that his office is continuing an investigation into alleged criminal conduct of Blue Lake Police Chief, Dave Gunderson. He is currently in custody in Humboldt County Jail. He was arrested on Friday, February 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., on probable cause to believe he violated Penal Code section 262(a)(2), Rape of spouse by use of intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance. Violating Penal Code section 262(a)(2) is a felony offense punishable by up to 3, 6, or 8 years in state prison.

As of today, no charging decision has been made. It is expected a decision will be made in time for Chief Gunderson to be arraigned in the Humboldt County Superior Court on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

The investigation was handled by the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office at the request of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. The investigation was conducted at the direction of Chief Investigator, Michael Hislop. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation and execution of the search warrants.