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On 06-10-2009, Investigators from the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, assisted by the Eureka Police Department, arrested Eureka resident Roger Marlyou Hudnall - 52, culminating a nearly month long investigation regarding his stalking of a local female he met while attending College of the Redwoods.

The investigation revealed that Hudnall, a convicted felon who was recently discharged from State Parole, befriended the woman whom he shared a class with. Over time, Hudnall began professing his love for her and became increasingly persistent that she too was in love with him. Hudnall bombarded the woman with letters, emails, phone calls, and text messages, ultimately leading her to obtain a restraining order against him in Humboldt County Superior Court. Immediately following the restraining order hearing, Hudnall assaulted the woman's boyfriend, leading to his arrest for assault. When released from jail, Hudnall continued harassing her and was most recently reported as being seen outside her home in the early morning hours of May 29th.

After assembling volumes of information and police reports to document these incidents, investigators from the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office presented the information to Superior Court Judge Timothy Cissna and obtained a warrant for his arrest for violations of PC646.9(b) – Stalking, PC422 – Terrorist Threats, and PC166.4 – Violation of a Court Order. With the assistance of the Eureka Police Department, Hudnall was arrested on 06-10-2009, at his residence, 715 'B' Street, in Eureka. He was then lodged at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

Regarding this investigation, District Attorney Paul Gallegos stated, "Stalking has nothing to do with love and everything to do with a desire to control through fear. It will not stop if you ignore it, victims should seek help from advocates, law enforcement and the courts to stop the stalking. If you or someone you know is being stalked, contact law enforcement. Thanks to the hard work

and dedication of our investigative unit, led by Chief Investigator Mike Hislop, and the assistance of the Eureka Police Department, we have been able to take Mr. Hudnall off the streets, and stop this type of activity. However, it is important for everyone to understand that stalking is something that cannot be meaningfully addressed without community involvement. To learn more about stalking and how to fight it, visit www.ncvc.org/src.”

Hudnall is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on 06-12-2009.