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ROBERT RANNEY

On November 8, 2010, Robert Ranney, 52, of Eureka, pleaded guilty to two felony counts of transportation of a controlled substance. The pleas came on the sixth day of jury trial. Earlier, the Honorable Marilyn Miles dismissed two prior strike allegations, due to the fact the crimes, both robberies, were committed in 1980.

Mr. Ranney was arrested on August 12th, 2010, after a Eureka police officer stopped him for a traffic infraction. Mr. Ranney, who is on parole, out of Texas, for the 1980 robberies, had both methamphetamine and heroin hidden in one of his socks. Police officers noticed the drugs sitting on the street, near the police cruiser's right rear passenger door. Mr. Ranney was handcuffed and placed in the police vehicle, once officers discovered his parolee status.

Mr. Ranney faces up to six years in the Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney, Ben McLaughlin.