

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On January 2, 2012, just after 6 p.m., Deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office, along with the assistance of 2 California State Parks Officers, served a search warrant at 1170 Bird Street in Oroville. The search warrant was written by Deputy Joe Deal. Upon serving the search warrant, several people were contacted and detained. As Deputies made entry, an occupant of the residence, Alisha Thomas, was observed throwing a firearm out of a rear window. The firearm in question was later determined to be a loaded .38 caliber revolver that was stolen out of a residential burglary.

In addition to the stolen firearm; a small amount of methamphetamine, some used glass smoking pipes, a small number of Hydrocodone pills and a loaded 9mm handgun were located inside the residence. Two infants were removed from the residence by Children's Services. Arrested from the residence were Gary Elwood Ferguson, DOB: 02/05/1970, on eight felony counts and one misdemeanor count, with a total bail amount of \$208,000.00 and Alisha Lynn Thomas, DOB: 01/02/1984, on seven felony counts and one misdemeanor count, with a total bail amount of \$193,000.00.