

# BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**DATE** : **10/24/10**

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**SUBJECT** : **Oroville Criminal Activity**

On 10/17/10, about 4:15am, Deputies John Rodriguez and Dave Ennes arrested Daniel Tuttle (DOB: 9/20/83) for possession of stolen property, burglary and unauthorized possession of narcotics. They made this arrest as the result of investigating a tip from and with the cooperation of Gold Country Casino security personnel. On 10/16/10, the security staff of Gold Country Casino witnessed several cars being burglarized in the parking lot via their closed circuit security camera system. They immediately called The Butte County Sheriff's Office to make a report of this activity. When the deputies arrived, the suspects had already fled.

The following morning, security personnel at the casino recognized one of the men and the car associated with the previous day's burglaries return to the casino as a patron. Security again called the Sheriff's Office to make a report. Deputies John Rodriguez and Dave Ennes responded to the casino and contacted the individual that security staff had identified; he would later be identified as Daniel Tuttle. Tuttle had a small case in his pocket that contained marijuana, methamphetamine and ecstasy. Tuttle said the marijuana was his for personal consumption but he had no explanation for the methamphetamine or ecstasy. Tuttle identified the car that he drove into the casino's parking lot, a white Oldsmobile sedan.

The ensuing investigation revealed stolen items inside the car and the identity of one of Tuttle's accomplices. Tuttle was arrested and booked into Butte County Jail without incident. Alex Littleton (DOB: 9/5/81) was identified as an accomplice and was arrested a few hours later when a search warrant was served at his home where a substantial amount of stolen property was located. Both Tuttle and Littleton are still in custody and the investigation is continuing to discover the identity of the third person. The recovered property is being returned as the rightful owners are discovered.

On 10/23/10, about 10:30pm Deputies John Rodriguez, Dave Ennes, Derek Ament and Dan Angel acted on tips and community assistance to discover an active methamphetamine lab in a home in the Kelly Ridge neighborhood in Oroville. Deputies called for the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force who responded and assumed the crime scene. The resident, Bonnie Dent (DOB: 8/10/60) was arrested for 2 counts of felony child endangerment, manufacturing of a controlled substance and for being armed with a firearm in the commission of these crimes. The 2 juveniles at the house were taken by Butte County Children's Services to a safe place. There were several items in the house that appeared to be stolen property and the investigation is continuing in order to make that determination and return the property to its rightful owners. Dent was booked into the Butte County Jail without incident and has a bail of \$225,000.

If you have any more information related to either one of these crimes or any other criminal activity please call The Butte County Sheriff's Office at (530)538-7321.