

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEDIA RELEASE

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On 2/4/11 a resident of the Vista Del Cerro area of Oroville called the Butte County Sheriff's Office to request extra patrol in the neighborhood due to the discovery that his vehicles had been pilfered through during the night.

On 2/7/11, at approximately 3:16 am, Deputy Matt Calkins was performing extra patrol of the area of Vista Del Cerro and Monte Vista Avenues in Oroville and to investigate a report of possible gunshots fired in the area. Deputy Calkins located a white male adult, later identified as Joshua Lee Hellman, DOB 7/17/86, inside a pickup truck at 5715 Vista Del Cerro Avenue. Initially Hellman told Deputy Calkins that he lived at the address, and the truck he was in was his. Deputy Calkins knew Hellman from many previous contacts, and knew that Hellman did not live at this residence. When confronted with this information, Hellman admitted that he did not live there and was in the truck "looking for stuff." Hellman also admitted to taking items from another vehicle on the same property.

Deputy Calkins arrested Hellman for burglary and theft. During a search incident to arrest, Hellman was found to be in possession of burglary tools, and a smoking device. When Hellman was booked into the Butte County Jail, approximately 1.5 grams of methamphetamines were located concealed within his clothing. The charge of bringing a controlled substance into the jail was added to Hellman's booking sheet. Hellman will be held in the Butte County Jail on \$48,000 bail. Nothing further was discovered regarding the gunshots and Hellman's arrest appears unrelated. If you have any further information regarding this crime or crimes and suspicious activity in this area please contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at (530)538-7321 or (530)891-2711.