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RE: **C13-10907 – Two arrested on explosives and firearms charges**

On February 14, 2013 the Butte Inter-agency Bomb Squad, along with the assistance of personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Paradise Police Department, served a search warrant at a residence on Melody Lane in Paradise. Bomb Squad personnel had received information from FBI-Homeland Security personnel that there were possible materials, capable of being made into explosives, located at the residence on Melody Lane. After further investigation, Bomb Squad personnel obtained a search warrant for the residence. After the search of the residence was conducted, several items of explosive making materials were located as well as several firearms, some of which were determined to be illegal assault weapons. The owners of the residence, Helen Murphy, age 55, and Clifton Murphy, age 50, were both contacted in their vehicle outside the residence. A Glock .45 cal handgun was later located in the vehicle.

Helen Murphy was charged with possession of a concealed firearm, possession of assault weapons and possession of materials with intent to make explosives. She was booked into the Butte County Jail with a bail amount of $190,000. Clifton Murphy was charged with possession of assault weapons and possession of materials with intent to make explosives. He was booked into the Butte County Jail with a bail amount of $165,000.

This investigation is still ongoing at this time. The Butte County Sheriff's Office and Butte Inter-agency Bomb Squad would like to thank all of the personnel from the various law enforcement agencies that assisted in this investigation.