



## **MEDIA ADVISORY/NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE:** "March 4, 2016"

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Incident Number:** 2016-6347

**Crime/Incident:** Possession of a controlled substance

Felon in possession of firearms

Manufacturing of a controlled substance by chemical extraction

Felon in possession of body armor

Committing or attempting a crime when armed

**Location:** 46000 block of Fisherman Drive Laytonville, CA

**Date of Incident:** 03-01-2016

**Time:** 7:01 AM

**Victim(s):** N/A

**Suspect(s):** Nicolas Scarberry 36 Laytonville, CA

Johnathan Jay French 40 Laytonville, CA

Armando Chris Quiroga 52 Laytonville, CA

**Written By:** Lieutenant Kirk Mason

### **Synopsis:**

On 03-01-2016 at 7:01 AM Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office with assistance from law enforcement personnel from the Mendocino

County Major Crimes Task Force, County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Justice executed a search warrant at a residence located in the 46000 block of Fisherman Drive in Laytonville, California.

During the execution of the warrant, Nicolas Scarberry was seen to have a handgun in his waistband and was confronted by law enforcement personnel. Scarberry was given verbal commands, which he failed to follow.

Sheriff's K-9 "Ruddick" was deployed at which time Scarberry was apprehended without injury to the K-9 or law enforcement personnel. It was later determined that Scarberry was in possession of a loaded handgun.

During a search of the property personnel located over 100 pounds of processed marijuana, an active hash oil lab, processed hash oil, over 1,000 butane canisters, a small amount of heroin, numerous prohibited firearms and bullet resistant body armor.

Johnathan French and Armando Quiroga were contacted at the scene resulting in them being placed under arrest for the manufacturing of hash oil and committing or attempting a crime while armed with a firearm. French and Quiroga were subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail where they were to be held in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail.

Scarberry was arrested for possession of hash oil, possession of a controlled substance, manufacturing hash oil, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony, felon in possession of body armor and being in possession of prohibited weapons. Scarberry was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$100,000.00 bail.

In addition, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has received information that Scarberry may have been involved in the commission of numerous thefts while posing as a law enforcement official. If you have any information regarding this potential activity then please contact the Sheriff's Office tip line by calling [707-234-2100](tel:707-234-2100) or at [crimetip@mendocinosherriff.com](mailto:crimetip@mendocinosherriff.com) by email.

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