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Felony Assault Suspect Arrested

On 2-10-2010 at about 4:00 pm, emergency medical personnel responded to a residence at the 700 block of "O" Street for an unresponsive female. The female was transported to St Joseph Hospital with injuries consistent with being beaten. She was soon determined to have a major brain injury and was rushed to emergency brain surgery.

Officers and Detectives responded to the hospital to document and collect what evidence of the assault that they could. The surgery was successful; however the victim had lapsed into a coma.

Detectives spent the next several days conducting interviews, in attempts to develop a suspect in this case and better understand what took place prior to and during the assault.

On about 2-15-2010, the victim regained consciousness, however was not in a state that she could assist Detectives in the investigation.

On 2-22-2010, the victim had made enough progress in her recovery that she could articulate the events of the assault. She was also able to identify a suspect.

On 2-23-2010, the suspect, identified as Dale Andrew Welsh (53 years of age of Eureka), was located and taken into custody on a charge of felony assault causing great bodily injury. He was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and is being held on \$50,000 bail.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to call Det. Sgt. Patrick O'Neill at (707) 268-5261.