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Subject: Two Arrested Following Fight at Eureka Skate Park.

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On 03/13/10 at about 4:04 PM, Eureka Police Department Officers responded to the Eureka Skate Park (1720 10th Street) for a fight in progress involving numerous subjects using skateboards and crutches as weapons. An officer arrived on scene and saw 2 adults and several juveniles hitting each other with skateboards and crutches. The officer witnessed one of the adults, 30-year-old Ozzie Gregorio of Eureka, strike a juvenile in the back with a metal crutch as the juvenile was running away from him. The officer ordered everyone to stop fighting. The subjects stopped, but Gregorio fled on foot. The officer chased Gregorio and was able to apprehend him in the wooded area west of the skate park.

More officers arrived on scene. After speaking with numerous witnesses and victims, it was determined that Gregorio and another adult suspect, 22-year-old Cory Beam of Eureka, had been the aggressors in the assault. 4 juvenile victims were identified. Gregorio was subsequently arrested for PC 273a(a)-Willful Injury to a Child (Felony), PC 245(a)(1)-Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and PC 148(a)(1)-Resisting Arrest. Beam was arrested for PC 273a(b)-Willful Injury to a Child (Misdemeanor) and for an outstanding arrest warrant.

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