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Subject: Belligerent BACA Biker Arrested for Assault and DUI during Recent Eureka Arts Alive Event.

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On 4/03/10, at about 9:11 PM, Eureka Police Department Officers were dispatched to the Old Town Gazebo (419 2nd Street) on the report of an intoxicated male subject riding a motorcycle recklessly and causing a disturbance with bystanders. The Arts Alive event was taking place that night and the gazebo area was packed with large crowds of people including families with children.

Upon arrival, an EPD officer was hailed by numerous upset and frightened people, including a volunteer for a local organization who'd just been assaulted by the suspect, later identified as Jesse Ben Fordyce (44 of Eureka). The volunteer said he was speaking with someone near a display table for the organization he was representing when Fordyce approached and interrupted their conversation. Fordyce began talking about B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) and the volunteer politely tried to tell Fordyce he was interrupting him. Fordyce then reportedly became upset and accused the volunteer of not caring about abused children. When the volunteer tried to return to his conversation after again politely telling Fordyce that he did not want to speak to him at that moment, Fordyce became even angrier. Fordyce violently grabbed the volunteer by his jacket and threw him down onto the display table, knocking the organization's materials off the table and injuring the victim's wrist. Fordyce was also reportedly using "all sorts of profanity" at the time he assaulted the victim, and later directed against officers.

Officers located Fordyce at the gazebo and took him into custody for assault and battery. Due to his large size, it took three sets of handcuffs restrain his hands behind his back. Fordyce was very belligerent and aggressive throughout officers' contact with him. Just prior to his arrest, Fordyce was asked if he'd shoved the victim over a display table. He responded, "Yah, I didn't like what he had to say." When asked by an officer what it was that he didn't like, Fordyce replied, "**Listen. You're a cop, I am an outlaw. You have a job to do and so do I, so let's get on with it.**" Fordyce repeated this cop-outlaw comment numerous times.

According to witnesses, Fordyce had also been recklessly riding his motorcycle around and on the gazebo without regard for others' safety, nearly colliding with numerous individuals as he did so. Officers detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breathe and Fordyce was subsequently also placed under arrest for DUI.



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At the time of his arrest, Fordyce was wearing a leather vest with "BACA" on the back. His Honda motorcycle also had a sticker on its right side that read, "We support Hells Angels Nomads." On the left side of his bike was another sticker that read, "BACA." The Hells Angels (HA) are well known to local, national, and international law enforcement officials as a violent, outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG). BACA members have frequently been observed by law enforcement officials at HA sponsored events and gatherings, including locally.

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