



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

DATE: December 18, 2014

FROM: Deputy Matthew Helm
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SUBJECT: Assault on a Peace Officer

CASE: 201405815

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On the above date at 9:55 AM, Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were called to a business at the 2100 block of Central Avenue, in McKinleyville, regarding a disturbance and trespassing.

When deputies arrived they contacted a male matching the description of the subject causing the disturbance, who was identified as Jason Edward Balke, a 34 year old resident of McKinleyville. Deputies approached Balke to take him into custody for being under the influence of narcotics. Balke physically resisted and started struggling with the arresting deputies. During the struggle he attempted to strike one of the deputies with a closed fist and was unsuccessful. Balke pulled on the hair of one of the arresting deputies and ripped the deputy's shirt.

As Balke continued to fight, one of the deputies deployed their Taser (electronic control device) at Balke. After it was deployed, the other deputies were able to place Balke in handcuffs.

Balke was then transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest, public intoxication, trespassing, and violation of terms of probation. Balke is currently in custody with a bail amount set at \$50,000.

**SHERIFF
MICHAEL DOWNEY**

Photo below

