

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Date: 05-14-2013 From: Lt. Steve Knight

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Subject: Assault with Vehicle Case: 201302142

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 05-13-2013, approximately 10:30 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from a 20 year old McKinleyville man who told the deputy he was struck intentionally by a truck. When the deputy arrived at the McKinleyville Shell Gas Station 1606 Central Avenue, McKinleyville the victim related the following:

The victim was standing in line to make a purchase inside the gas station when a male (suspect) behind him in line became irritated because the line was not moving fast enough. The victim attempted to explain to the suspect that the person in front of him at the register was disabled and needed extra time to gather his items and make his purchase. The suspect got angry with the victim and began yelling obscenities at the victim. The victim decided to leave, walked out of the gas station and across Central Avenue, McKinleyville. The suspect got into his truck, drove out of the gas station and accelerated at the victim, striking the victim with his truck and causing the victim to literally get knocked of his feet and fly through the air. The victim landed on the shoulder of the road. Several uninvolved citizens witnessed the assault. The victim sustained injuries to his elbow, hip and knee. Medical arrived, but the victim refused medical treatment.

The investigating deputy was able to obtain a video of the suspect from the gas station. The Humboldt County Sheriffs Office is requesting the publics help in locating and identifying the suspect.

The suspect is described as: White male, approximately 6' tall, 220 lbs, late 50's, balding with some hair on the side of his head.

Driving a dark colored pickup truck, possibly a Nissan.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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