

Sheriff's Office

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Arson - Case 201602149

On Thursday, April 28, 2016 at about 10:45 p.m., Humboldt County Deputy Sheriffs responded to Hufford Rd in Orick for a possible arson. Upon arrival, deputies met with a 43 year old female victim. The victim stated 38 year old Erin Renee Jones-Martin attempted to set her trailer on fire. Deputies observed a pile of charred garbage and smoke damage under the front part of the trailer.

Deputies searched the area for Jones-Martin and located her in the area of Dryden's Rd, Orick. Jones-Martin was with her boyfriend, 42 year old William Arthur Basteys. Jones-Martin had evidence connected to starting the fire at the trailer, and had multiple visible injuries consistent with domestic violence. Jones -Martin told deputies she thought Basteys was cheating on her with the victim. Jones-Martin further alleged Basteys assaulted her and forced her into a vehicle and ordered her to take him to his property he thought Jones-Martin had removed from their shared residence.

Basteys and Jones-Martin were arrested and taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Basteys was booked for domestic violence and false imprisonment. His bail was set at \$50,000. Jones-Martin was booked for arson to an inhabited structure. Her bail was set at \$250,000.

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

Mike Downey
Sheriff

