



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 6-16-17

From: Lt. K. Swithenbank

Subject: Attempted Homicide/Centerville Beach

Case#: 201702853

On Friday June 6th at approximately 9:00 am the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call in regards to a small child being attacked by the child's mother at Centerville beach near Ferndale. The caller stated that the mother was attempting to perform an exorcism on the 11 year old child. The mother had stripped the child naked and was shoving handfuls of sand in the child's eyes and into the child's mouth. The mother stated she was trying to remove the Demons from the child.

The mother, 45 year old Kimberly Felder of Ferndale, continued the assault by viciously striking, biting, and choking the child. This assault was being witnessed by a crowd of approximately 10 to 12 people. When local citizen John Marciel arrived on scene, he immediately stepped in and attempted to restrain Felder and prevent further assault to the child. Marciel struggled on the ground with the Felder, while Felder continued her persistent attack on the child by hitting the child in the head with a piece of driftwood. A short time later a Sheriff's Deputy arrived and Felder was finally pulled from the child and placed in handcuffs.

John Marciel further assisted by tending to the child while deputies controlled Felder. Emergency Medical technicians arrived and transported the child to a hospital where she received further treatment for her injuries. The child received multiple injuries from the attack including severe damage to her right ear.

Kimberly Felder was later booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for attempted homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, felony child abuse, and aggravated mayhem.

If it were not for the intervention and heroic actions of John Marciel, it is very likely that the child would have been killed by Felder. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to offer special thanks for his assistance. The Sheriff's Office will also be requesting that John Marciel be recognized for the Red Cross Life Saving Award.

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



KIMBERLY FELDER

Sheriff William Honsal