



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 08-17-2015

From: Lt. Wayne Hanson
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Subject: Assault

Case: 201503974

On 08-17-2015 at about 12:30 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stabbing that just occurred at a residence located in the 2000 block of Park Street, McKinleyville. When deputies arrived on scene they learned the following information from witnesses and victims.

Two male victims ages 33 and 43 were inside of the residence on Park Street when an acquaintance of theirs, named Jason Edward Balke age 35 knocked on the front door. A verbal argument occurred between the two male victims and the suspect, Jason Balke. The argument occurred, because Balke wanted to borrow a cigarette. Sometime during the verbal argument Balke produced a box cutter and assaulted both of the male victims. It was reported to the deputies both of the victims fought back with Balke in self-defense after they were assaulted.

Both of the victims received non-life threatening laceration injuries from the box cutter and were transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. Jason Balke was located at his residence at the corner of Park Street and "B" Street McKinleyville. Balke was taken into custody without incident. Balke was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment for injuries he received during the altercation from the victims.

After Balke was treated for his injuries he was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for assault with a deadly weapon. Balke's bail was set at \$50,000 dollars.

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

