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NEWS RELEASE

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On June 11, 2013, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Sgt. Adam Laird of the Eureka Police Department for misdemeanor violations of Penal Code sections 149 and 118.1. The charges arose out of a use of force incident that occurred on December 6, 2012.

On July 1, 2013, Sgt. Laird pled not guilty to these charges.

Based on evidence discovered after the filing of these charges, including several expert opinions obtained by both the prosecution and the defense, the People have determined that this case cannot be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. As such, on January 3, 2014, the case was dismissed.

The case was handled by Deputy District Attorney Roger C. Rees.