



NEWS RELEASE



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery Arrests

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On March 11, 2018, at about 8:00 a.m., the Eureka Police Department Communications Center began receiving calls regarding a male and female with stab wounds and a robbery that had occurred. Based on the investigation, it appears the incident occurred as follows.

36 year old Jessica Minasian and 42 year old Brian Bickerstaff confronted a male sleeping on the sidewalk on the 300 block of F Street. Minasian and Bickerstaff yelled at the man to leave and began assaulting him. Bickerstaff assaulted the male with blunt weapons. The male took out a knife, in an effort to stop the assault. The male ultimately stabbed Minasian and was able to flee. He was soon able to obtain police assistance. Minasian and Bickerstaff took items belonging to the male and also left the scene.

Minasian ran to Humboldt Bay Fire Station at the 500 block of C Street for medical assistance. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance with a significant but non-life threatening injury. Bickerstaff was located at the intersection of 4th and F Streets and had a small laceration on his chin.

Both Bickerstaff and Minasian were transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Due to the care required for Minasian's injuries, she was cited and released to the hospital staff.

Bickerstaff was arrested for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Bickerstaff was transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Bickerstaff is being held on \$50,000 bail.

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