

News Flash

Sheriff's Office

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Assault suspect apprehended following pursuit

On May 30, 2019, at about 12:20 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a female juvenile regarding a home invasion and assault occurring at a residence on the 7100 block of Worthington Drive in the Humboldt Hill area.

The juvenile advised dispatchers that her mother's ex-partner, 49-year-old Edward Pena Jr., had broken into the residence and was currently physically assaulting her mother, a 36-year-old female. The juvenile also advised that there was a second female juvenile in the room with her mother and Pena. Pena fled the residence just prior to deputy arrival.

Upon further investigation, deputies learned that during the assault Pena made threats to kill all occupants of the residence.

While deputies were on scene at the residence, another sheriff's deputy located Pena's vehicle traveling northbound on Highway 101 near Arcata. The deputy attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Pena failed to yield and continued eastbound on Highway 299. Arcata Police Department's K9 Unit joined the deputy in pursuing Pena's vehicle for over 20 miles, at which time the California Highway Patrol took over the pursuit of the vehicle.

Pena's vehicle came to a stop on Highway 299 near Milepost Marker 26. At that time, Pena exited his vehicle with a knife making violent threats against the responding officers, including Arcata Police Department's K9 Officer Baron. The Humboldt County Crisis Negotiation Team was dispatched to assist. Following nearly 25 minutes of negotiations, Pena discarded the knife nearby, at which time he was apprehended by K9 Baron.

Pena was arrested and transported to a local hospital for medical clearance prior to being booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Upon being medically cleared, Pena will be booked on the following charges: assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, child cruelty, false imprisonment, felony vandalism, evading a peace officer, burglary, criminal threats and driving under the influence.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Arcata Police Department and the California Highway Patrol for their assistance in apprehending Pena.