

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 664/187 PC [attempted murder], 12022.7(a) PC [Felony resulting in Great Bodily Injury]

Report Number: 2015-27725

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident: 664/187 PC [attempted murder], 12022.7(a) PC [Felony resulting in Great Bodily Injury]

Location: 46000 Block of Highway , Dos Rios CA 95428

When: Date: 10-31-2015 **Time:** 12:34 AM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Adult Female	35 years		Dos Rios, CA

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Arlon Lee Strauss	30 years		Napa, CA

Written by: Lieutenant Shannon Barney

Synopsis: On 10-31-2015 around 12:34 AM the Mendocino County Sheriff's Dispatch received a medical aid call from the 46000 block of Highway 162 in Dos Rios. The caller reported a fall victim with head injuries. This call was transferred to Howard Forest (Cal Fire) Dispatch and an ambulance was dispatched to the location.

Around 1:05 AM Mendocino County Deputies observed a vehicle, travelling at an excessive rate of speed on Main Street in Willits. The deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the vehicle refused to stop, ultimately leading the deputies to the former Howard Hospital Facility, before stopping. Deputies then discovered the driver was attempting to seek medical aid for the victim of the earlier fall victim call in Dos Rios. The vehicle and driver were given a Code 3 (lights and siren) escort to the new Howard Memorial Hospital Facility after deputies observed the seriousness of the victim's injuries.

In the emergency room of Howard Memorial Hospital deputies learned the victim had been assaulted at the residence on Highway 162 and had suffered life threatening injuries. The victim was later flown to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and then to Stanford University Medical Center for more advanced treatment.

Deputies responded to and secured the residence while the Sheriff's Detective Unit was called out. Deputies and Detectives learned during the investigation the suspect, Arlon Strauss, had recently come to the property and had been staying there temporarily but his primary address was in Napa County.

The investigation led to Arlon Strauss being named as the person responsible for committing the assault by striking the victim repeatedly with a blunt object. He was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on charges of attempted murder and committing a felony that resulted in great bodily injury to the victim. His bail was set at \$400,000.

The victim was listed in critical condition at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Tip Line at 707-234-2100.

Approved By: Lieutenant Shannon Barney

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