

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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COMPLAINT - CRIMINAL

TR0905964

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD LEROY CROSS  
and JIM HALE,

Defendants.

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On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, in the County of Humboldt, State of California, the undersigned complainant, under penalty of perjury upon information and belief, declares:

That said defendants **RONALD LEROY CROSS and JIM HALE**, on or about the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, at and in the said County of Humboldt,

did willfully and unlawfully fight in a public place or challenge another person in a public place to fight in violation of subsection (1), in violation of **Section 415(1) of the Penal Code** of the State of California.

In accord with Section 17(d)(1), California Penal Code, the above offense is declared an infraction.

All of which is contrary to the form, force and effect of the statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of California.

Complainant therefore prays that a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the said Defendant and he may be dealt with according to law. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Complainant

COMPLAINT

**RIO DELL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Page **1** Case No. **R09-0004**  
 Beat **02** Rpt Dist Type: **Crime Report** Seq: **1**

Incident (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary)  
**PC 240 Assault**  
**PC 242 Battery**

Attempt	Occurred	Date	Time	Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	On or From	01/02/2009	16:50	Fri
<input type="checkbox"/>	To	01/02/2009		Fri
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reported	01/02/2009	16:50	Fri

Location of Incident **582 WILDWOOD AV, RIO DELL, CA**  
 Cross Street **ELKO**

Dispo "V" = Victim "RP" = Reporting Party "W" = Witness "S" = Suspect "O" = Other County **HUM**

**S** Last, First, Middle (Firm if Business) **CROSS, RON LEROY** Race **W** Sex **M** Age **62** HT **511** WT **210** Hair **BRO** Eyes **GRN** Home Phone **(707) 764-3827**

Address **875 RIO DELL AV** DOB **02/12/1946** DL Number **D4980373** State **CA** Work Phone **(707)**

City, State, Zip Code **RIO DELL CA 95562** SSN Local ID # State # FBI #

**V** Last, First, Middle (Firm if Business) **HALE, JIM** Race **W** Sex **M** Age **0** HT **511** WT **200** Hair **BRO** Eyes **BRO** Home Phone **(707) 764-2154**

Address **526 RIGBY AV** DOB **//** DL Number State Work Phone **()**

City, State, Zip Code **RIO DELL CA 95562** SSN Local ID # State # FBI #

**RP** Last, First, Middle (Firm if Business) **BREWER, SILAS EDWARD** Race **W** Sex **M** Age **39** HT **507** WT **150** Hair **BLN** Eyes **BLU** Home Phone **(707)**

Address **423 PAINTER ST** DOB **09/29/1969** DL Number **A2354968** State Work Phone **(707)**

City, State, Zip Code **RIO DELL CA 95562-** SSN Local ID # State # FBI #

**W** Last, First, Middle (Firm if Business) **HALE, MICHELLE** Race **W** Sex **F** Age **37** HT **511** WT **200** Hair **BRO** Eyes **BRO** Home Phone **(707) 764-2154**

Address **526 RIGBY AV** DOB **09/05/1971** DL Number State **CA** Work Phone **()**

City, State, Zip Code **RIO DELL CA 95562** SSN Local ID # State # FBI #

Synopsis :

Continuation Attached : <input type="checkbox"/>	Property List Attached : <input type="checkbox"/>
UCR : <b>04E</b>	Press Release : <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Case : <input type="checkbox"/>
Gang Related : <b>N</b>	Hate Crime : <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Senior Citizen : <input type="checkbox"/>
Pursuit : <input type="checkbox"/>	Force Used : <input type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse : <input type="checkbox"/>
Agency ORI # <b>CA0126700</b>	County <b>CA</b> Disposition : <b>CLSD</b>
	Connecting Case #

Assigned To : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : **//**

Officer ID : **Officer Bettencourt 615** Reviewed By : **Corporal Beauchaine** Date : **01/11/2009**



Narrative Report

On 01/02/09 at about 1650 hours, I was dispatched to the Shell gas station located at 582 Wildwood Avenue for a report of a physical fight between two male subjects. I responded from The Rio Dell Police Department and arrived within a minute. I was driving a fully marked police car and in full uniform. Upon arrival I noticed two male subjects standing next to a parked county truck. As I exited my patrol car and ran towards them one subject backed away. I separated the suspects and walked one of them to the side of the gas station. I recognized him as the cities Public Works Director Jim Hale.

Chief Hill arrived and contacted the other party in the altercation who was identified as Ronald Cross. He stood by Cross while I talked to Hale.

I contacted Hale who stated that he stopped at the Shell station to get gasoline when he saw Cross arrived. He stated that Cross flipped him off so he gave the gesture back. Hale said that Cross walked up to his vehicle and yelled get out of the car. Hale stated that he exited his vehicle and started to take off his jacket when Cross punched him on the jaw. He said that he swung back hitting Cross in the face. The two then started to fight. He said he didn't remember how many times he punched Cross. He said he thought he broke cross finger but was not certain. Hale said he was still fighting when police arrived. I asked Hale if he needed medical assistance and he declined.

I contacted Cross who stated he pulled up to the Shell to buy something when he noticed Hale giving him a finger gesture. He said he flipped him off back. He said he got angry and walked over to Hale's vehicle to talk to him. He stated that Hale exited his vehicle and punched him. He said he fought back in self defense. Cross said that the fight lasted until police arrived. I asked Cross if he needed medical assistance and he also declined.

I contacted Michelle Hale who stated in summary that she and her husband Jim Hale were stopped at the Shell gas station getting fuel when Ronald Cross drove by. She stated that Jim flipped him off. She said that Cross pulled into the parking lot and walked towards their vehicle. As he stood next to the drivers side Cross yelled " come on get out". She stated that Jim grinned at him as he was sitting in the truck. She stated that Cross said again "come on, come on I'll kick your ass". Hale stated that Jim stepped out of the vehicle and they exchanged words. She did not see who started the fight or who threw the first punch. She said as the two men fought she called the police.

I contacted a Shell station employee who was identified by a California ID card as Silas Brewer. He stated that he was working the cash register at about 1645 hours when he noticed two male subjects outside near pump # 4 fighting. He stated that he didn't know who started the fight only that they were both throwing punches. He stated he then notified police.

I made a digital recording of my conversations with Hale, Cross and Brewer and placed it into the digital evidence archive. The Shell station manager Sheila Howles (manager of Shell) provided me with a video of the incident. I placed the video into evidence.

On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee James Barrington. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.



**RIO DELL  
ELL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Case No. **R09-0004**

Type: *Crime Report*

Seq: 1

Incident (Primary)

240 Assault

Attempt

**Narrative Report**

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee Randy Jensen. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee Rick Chicora. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell's public works employee James Goff. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee Jesse Smith. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee Jeffry Dunker. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*On 01/06/09, I contacted The City of Rio Dell public works employee Cameron Yaple. He stated he had no knowledge of any incidents that occurred at work or outside of work involving Ronald Cross and Jim Hale.*

*Disposition: Case cleared by report. Request a copy sent to the HCUA's office for review.*

Officer ID: **Officer Bettencourt**

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Review: **Corporal Beauchaine**

Date: **01/11/2009**

