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**Deputy Assaulted While Handling A Call For Service**

On October 8, 2009 at approximately 5:15 P.M. Mono County Deputies responded to a location on Dawson Ranch Road in Hammil Valley regarding a possible disturbance. Prior to arriving Deputies were advised that the female, that initially called the Sheriff's Department, had left the location. Upon arrival Deputies contacted Mr. Larry Orris who said, Miss Tracy Filker age 50 and a resident of Hammil Valley, had been drinking and left the location prior to their arrival.

Shortly after leaving the Dawson Ranch location Deputies observed a vehicle that matched the description of Miss Filker's vehicle and observed that Miss Filker was in fact driving it, and conducted a traffic stop. Miss Filker displayed various symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol, and also appeared to be very upset and crying.

During the investigation along the roadway, Miss Filker for an unknown reason ran onto Highway 6 causing traffic to come to a stop to avoid hitting her. A Deputy attempted to bring her back onto the shoulder of the roadway, at which time Miss Filker kicked the Deputy in the upper leg area. Miss Filker then ran off the Highway, picked up a handful of rocks and threw them at the Deputy that she had just kicked. The rocks struck the Deputy in the face, head and upper torso.

Both Deputies immediately brought Miss Filker to the ground and restrained her in handcuffs. During the handcuffing Miss Filker again kicked the same Deputy several times. Miss Filker after calming down admitted that she was sorry for hitting the Deputy with the rocks. It was also determined that there was no evidence of a crime between Miss Filker and Mr. Orris at the residence.

Miss Filker was put into a patrol unit, seat belted and transported to Bridgeport Sheriff's Station for booking. During the transport she again became irate, spit on the Deputy through the vehicle's safety partition and began kicking the windows of the patrol unit. The Deputy immediately stopped the vehicle, placed a spit hood on Miss Filker and restrained her feet with a hobble device. Transportation was finally completed with a backup unit following for security reasons without further incident.

During booking Miss Filker refused to answer any questions nor did she submit to a breathe analysis. She is now facing charges of assault on a peace officer, obstruction of justice and driving under the influence of alcohol.

*The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono Count Sheriff's Department recently. Names of juveniles (under 18-years-old) are not public. Suspect information and ongoing investigation details are also withheld. Since most cases have yet to be adjudicated, all charges should be considered allegations. For questions/concerns regarding any information contained in this publication, contact Undersheriff Ralph Obenberger at (760) 932-7549.*