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**On April 5, 2010 in Humboldt Superior Court a jury convicted Margaret Ann Contreras, 47, of misdemeanor violations of Penal Code sections 242, 417(a)(1) and 594(b)(2) for battery against the named victim, brandishing a deadly weapon, and vandalism of the named victim's vehicle.**

**Ms. Contreras is scheduled to be sentenced on April 13, 2009. She is facing a term in the local jail and misdemeanor probation.**

**On March 29, 2009, the Eureka Police Department was contacted after the victim was attacked by Ms. Contreras at Jan's Pub. The victim was punched in the face by Ms. Contreras and Ms. Contreras brandished an 8-inch hunting knife at the victim. The victim was able to escape serious injury inside Jan's Pub, and made it to his vehicle in the parking lot. After the victim was inside his vehicle, Ms. Contreras used the hunting knife to puncture his car tire 6-7 times.**

**Jan's Pub closed approximately last October. Ms. Contreras was affiliated with Richard Sovereign, who was convicted by a jury on March 25, 2010 of possession of methamphetamine for sale, also at Jan's Pub. Mr. Sovereign faces up to nine years in prison, six years of which are mandatory, due to the prior convictions.**

**The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney, Elan Firpo, (707)-268-2561.**