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PEOPLE V. GARY RUSSELL FORK

The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office received information implicating Humboldt County Correctional Officer, Gary Fork, in sexual misconduct while working at the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) Wood Lot.

In the latter part of August 2010, the HCDA's Office was approached by a former female inmate, who claimed to be the victim of Fork's inappropriate sexual advances. Immediately, an undercover operation was put into place by HCDA's Investigators, which elicited statements from Fork that corroborated the information from the victim. Ultimately, Fork was contacted by Chief Investigator, Mike Hislop, and confessed to various crimes of a sexual nature against the victim.

Fork has been charged with PC289.6(a)(2) - Engaging in sexual activity within a detention facility (2 counts), PC4533 - Aiding a prisoner's escape (6 counts), and PC314(2) - Indecent exposure (8 counts). Fork will be arraigned for these violations on September 30, 2010, at 1:30 PM.

Questions regarding this announcement may be directed to District Attorney, Paul Gallegos, at 707-445-7411.