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On September 20, 2010, Mr. Christopher Rocheleau, of Eureka, pleaded guilty to the Attempted Murder of John McCulley from an incident that occurred on June 26, 2010. Additionally Mr. Rocheleau admitted to a Special Allegation that he personally inflicted Great Bodily Injury on Mr. McCulley during the incident. The Defendant, in an unrelated case plead guilty to the felony Possession of Marijuana, while he was incarcerated at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility awaiting trial on his Attempted Murder case. The Defendant faces 10 years in Prison at his Sentencing date on Oct. 18, 2010.

Mr. Rocheleau was homeless at the time of the offense, which occurred at the foot of Truesdale Street adjacent to the Bayshore Mall. The defendant got into an argument with the victim and began to violently attack him both with his hands and a stick. The victim was hospitalized for several days. The Eureka Police Department conducted a very thorough investigation to include canvassing the immediate area for possible witnesses. They took detailed statements of several eyewitnesses who were subsequently subpoenaed to come to court and testify. Detective Todd Wilcox also interviewed the Defendant who confessed to the offense and said the victim never did anything to deserve what he did and that he (the Defendant) alone was responsible for the act.

“If it were not for the thorough, complete and exhausted investigation by the Eureka Police Department, there is no way the Defendant would have plead guilty to a very violent offense, such as Attempted Murder without a trial.” Allan Dollison stated.

Both cases were prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Allan Dollison.

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