



District Attorney Newsletter

Mendocino County

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Special points of interest:

- **Updated Website!!!** The Mendocino County District Attorney's website has been updated with a new look and more information. Check it out!!
- **Victims Rights Awareness Luncheon.** For Inland Area—April 20th. The luncheon will be held at noon at the Ukiah Garden Café. For Coastal Area—April 22nd. The luncheon will be held at noon at the Silver's at the Wharf. For more information and to RSVP call Victims Witness Office 463.5496 by April 18th.
- **Elder Abuse Outreach Training**—April 16th. The training will be held from 10:30 AM—12PM at the Redwood Coast Senior Center, Fort Bragg.

Parole Hearings:

- ◆ March 9th—Kirk Domingo
- ◆ March 24th—Gregory Beck
- ◆ April 7th—William Mayfield

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NEWS



Man Sentenced to Prison for 5 years

Based on an investigation by the Ukiah Police Department, Jose Mendoza was arrested on July 21, 2009, for beating and threatening to kill his girlfriend. Mendoza, was on parole for prior felony DUI's. Mendoza was charged with a Felony violation of Penal Code Section 245(a)(1), Assault with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury, a Felony violation of Penal Code Section 422, Criminal Threats and prison priors for 2 prior Felony DUI's. The two-day trial only took the jury a little over an hour to find Mendoza guilty as charged. Mendoza has an extensive criminal history, which made him presumptively ineligible for probation. That history included

prior domestic violence.

On February 19, 2010, the Honorable Ron Brown sentenced Mendoza to five years in the California Department of Corrections. *(Prosecuted by DDA Jackson)*

CASE OUTCOMES ♦ GUILTY PLEAS ♦ TRIALS

- ◆ John Arbucket plead guilty and was sentenced on February 5th to 10 years in State Prison for Possession, Sale and Transportation of Heroin. *(Prosecuted by DDA Houston)*
- ◆ James Boissiere was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison for first degree burglary and first degree robbery. *(Prosecuted by DDA McMenomey)*
- ◆ Dennis Day plead guilty and was sentenced on February 19th to 6 years in State Prison for Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child. *(Prosecuted by DDA Larson)*
- ◆ Luke Gutman plead guilty in the middle of his Jury Trial to Attempted Murder and was sentenced on January 15th to 15 years 4 months in State Prison. *(Prosecuted by DDA Killion)*
- ◆ Nancie Henthorne was found guilty of Possession of Methamphetamine by a Jury on January 6th and sentenced on February 26th to 5 years in State Prison. *(Prosecuted by DDA Houston)*
- ◆ Michael Laflam plead guilty at the Preliminary Hearing to Grand Theft and was sentenced on January 8th to 16 months in State Prison. *(Prosecuted by DDA Hubley)*
- ◆ Joey Gunter plead guilty at the Preliminary Hearing to first degree burglary while being armed and was sentenced on February 10th to 5 years in State Prison. *(Prosecuted by DDA McConnell)*
- ◆ Ramona McCloud was found guilty by a Jury for Resisting Arrest and sentenced to 24 months summary probation on January 22nd. *(Prosecuted by DDA Parker)*
- ◆ Christopher Piekarski plead guilty to Reckless Driving and was sentenced to 36 months summary probation on February 1st. *(Prosecuted by DDA Skillman)*