Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: **Sonoma County Sheriff's Office** Case #: **SD220506013**

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported: **05/06/2022 2011** Occurred Between: **05/06/2022 2011** & **05/06/2022 2035**

Location: [redacted] **OLD REDWOOD HW , SANTA ROSA CA 95403**

UCR Status: Officer: **Wonneberger, Francisco 1102631**

Summary: Suspect was under the influence of alcohol and was unable to care for himself. Suspect battered multiple people by punching them, pushing them and challenging them to fights. Suspect was taken into custody and later issued a citation.

Related Cases: No Associated Cases

Charges

Statute: **242 - PC - BATTERY ON PERSON** Attempted/Completed: **COMPLETED**

Classification: SIMPLE ASSAULT Weapon: **Other**

Location:

Statute: **415(1) - PC - FIGHT/CHALLENGE FIGHT PUBLIC PLACE** Attempted/Completed: **COMPLETED**

Classification: INTIMIDATION Weapon:

Location:

Statute: **647(F) - PC - PUBLIC INTOXICATION: ALCOHOL, DRUG, TOLUENE OR A COMBINATION** Attempted/Completed: **COMPLETED**

Classification: DISORDERLY CONDUCT Weapon:

Location:

Offenders

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
UHL, RYAN PAUL	[redacted]	**38/White/Male**	**5'08"/146**

Address: [redacted] Wikiup Dr, Larkfield CA 95403 [redacted]

Employer/School: [redacted] -

Offender of: 242 647(F) 415(1)

Custody Status: **Cited**

Victims

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
[redacted]	[redacted]	**50/Hispanic/Male**	**/0**

Address [redacted] [redacted] Windsor CA 95492 [redacted]

Employer/School: -

Victim of: 242

Relationship to Offender: RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN - UHL, RYAN PAUL

Victims

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
[redacted]	[redacted]	**25/Other Asian/Male**	**/**
Address: [redacted] Dry Creek CA 95448			
Employer/School: [redacted]			[redacted]
Victim of: 242			
Relationship to Offender: RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN - UHL, RYAN PAUL			

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
[redacted]	[redacted]	**25/Other Asian/Male**	**5'09"/120**
Address [redacted], Sebastopol CA 95472			[redacted]
Employer/School: [redacted]			
Victim of: 242 415(1)			
Relationship to Offender: VICTIM WAS STRANGER - UHL, RYAN PAUL			

Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):		Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	**46/Hispanic/Male**	**5'09"/195**
Address: [redacted] Santa Rosa CA				[redacted]
Employer/School: -				

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	**38/White/Male**	**6'01"/170**
Address: [redacted] Larkfield CA 95403				[redacted]
Employer/School: -				

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):		Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Reportee	[redacted]	[redacted]	**26/Other Asian/Male**	**/**
Address: , Santa Rosa CA				[redacted]
Employer/School: [redacted] Larkfield CA 95403				

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Reportee	[redacted]	[redacted]	**33/Other Asian/Male**	**/**
Address: [redacted] Larkfield CA 95403				[redacted]
Employer/School: Chevron - [redacted] Larkfield CA 95403				

Narrative

INITIAL NARRATIVE
Written by: **Aikens, Cole 1102879**
Date/Time: **05/07/2022 21:39:00**

On 05/06/2022 I was driving a marked Sheriff's Office vehicle while working uniformed patrol. At approximately 2016 hours I responded to the Chevron gas station located at [redacted] Old Redwood Highway regarding the report of a man, later identified as Ryan Uhl, who had been drinking and trying to hurt people.

This Chevron station is in a multi business shopping center, which includes a grocery store, and multiple restaurants.

Dispatch advised that Uhl tried to punch in the glass at Blue Beagle Coffee and tried to enter multiple vehicles. Uhl then hit someone in the face and was actively fighting with that person.

Uhl was described as a white male adult in his 30's, 5'10, average build wearing a blue shirt and Jeans.

While in route, another person called 911 to report that Uhl had jumped on their vehicle and started punching the windshield, but did not cause any damage.

An additional 911 caller reported there was a drunk, 5'7, white male assaulting everyone in the area.

While in route, Deputy Vrabel requested medical personnel stage.

At approximately 2019 hours the Sheriff's Office helicopter "Henry One" arrived on scene. From Henry One, Deputy Wonneberger advised that he was able to see Uhl in the driveway of the Chevron challenging people to fight. Deputy Wonneberger advised that Uhl was being held down by bystanders, but then stood up and went out of sight Henry one. The last update Deputy Wonneberger gave prior to my arrival was that Uhl had his pants down, tripping over the curb and fighting a bystander. (See Deputy Wonneberger's Supplemental report for further information.)

As I received the information from dispatch and the updates from Deputy Wonneberger I believed the safety of the bystanders in the area was at risk, and feared Uhl would further attack people, cause injuries and damage property. I activated my vehicle's overhead emergency lights and siren and responded to the Chevron code 3.

Due to the reports of Uhl attacking people and trying to enter into vehicles, I believed he was attempting to carjack these people.

Upon my arrival at approximately 2024 hours, I pulled into the south driveway of the Chevron and saw Uhl seated on the ground near the south side of the building. As I pulled closer to Uhl, he stood up with his pants around his ankles. Uhl quickly approached [redacted] in an aggressive manner. Uhl lunged toward [redacted] and used his hands to strike him aggressively.

As I exited my patrol vehicle, I ordered Uhl to get on the ground. [redacted] pushed Uhl away. I noticed Uhl's knees were scrapped and bloody. Uhl stepped away from [redacted], continued to look at him and did not get on the ground.

In order to prevent Uhl from further attacking anyone, prevent his escape, and detain him; I tackled him to the ground.

Uhl fell to the ground and I landed on top of him. I rolled Uhl onto his stomach and grabbed hold of his left arm. Deputy Vrabel took hold of Uhl's right arm and Deputy Tamayo placed Uhl into handcuffs.

Uhl appeared to be unconscious, his eyes were open and his body was limp.

We placed Uhl onto his side in the position of recovery and requested Code 3 medical.

Deputy Vrabel and Deputy Tamayo stayed with Uhl.

I contacted the group of people standing by the store to make sure no one else was injured.

No one else at the scene requested medical attention.

Sonoma County Fire ambulance 577 responded and transported Uhl to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

I began speaking with [redacted] who told me the following in summary: At approximately 2017 hours, his boss called him and requested he respond to the Chevron because there was someone fighting inside the store. [redacted] went to the Chevron and saw Uhl standing outside near the back door. Uhl approached [redacted] assumed a fighting stance and struck him one time on the back of his head. [redacted] said he has not seen Uhl before and does not know who he is. [redacted] initially stated he would like to press charges against Uhl for striking him. [redacted] declined medical attention. [redacted] later refused to sign a citizen's arrest form.

I spoke with the Chevron store clerk [redacted] [redacted] r did not speak much English, therefore [redacted] interpreted my

interview. [redacted] said the following in summary: [redacted] was working inside the store when Uhl came inside and starting yelling bad words. Uhl approached the counter and pushed over a display stand then walked outside. [redacted] then called the gas station owner [redacted] to report the incident.

I spoke with the Chevron owner, [redacted] who informed me there are security cameras at the store than can be accesses at a later date.

Deputy Vrabel notified me that the odor of alcoholic beverages heavily emanated from Uhl.

Deputy Sutherland spoke with [redacted] and [redacted] Uhl tried to enter the cab of [redacted] truck during this incident. Prior to this incident, Uhl was drinking alcohol at [redacted] house and became angry and had his car keys taken from him. (See Deputy Sutherland's Supplemental report for further information.)

Deputy Anderson spoke with [redacted] and [redacted] During this incident Uhl struck both [redacted] and [redacted] (See Deputy Anderson's Supplemental report for further information.)

Sgt. Schemmel responded to the scene and I notified him of my use of force.

I took digital photographs of inside the Chevron Store and victims on scene. I uploaded the photos to Evidence.com.

Uhl was admitted to the ICU at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for a skull fracture and a brain bleed. Due to Uhl's medical status and being mostly unconscious, I was unable to interview him regarding this incident.

I authored a citation (#246430) against Uhl for 242 PC, 647(f) PC and 415(1) PC.

Uhl was later cited and released from custody.

I activated by Body Worn Camera during this incident.

On 05/08/2022 at approximately 1820 hours I responded to the Chevron and met with [redacted] to review the surveillance footage. While watching footage of the incident, I saw Uhl strike [redacted] multiple times using his fists. [redacted] entered the driver seat of his own vehicle. Uhl appears to strike [redacted] multiple times and pull his hair as if he were trying to pull [redacted] out of the car to carjack him.

On 05/08/2022 at approximately 2349 hours I contacted [redacted] by telephone who told me the following in summary: [redacted] went to the Chevron to get some snacks on his lunch break. [redacted] saw Uhl arguing with the store clerk and then in a confrontation with [redacted] When [redacted] was approached by Uhl, he felt Uhl was trying to challenge him to a fight. [redacted] went to get back into his own car because he wanted to leave the area. [redacted] opened the driver door to his car and started to get inside. Uhl began to punch [redacted] and pull his hair. [redacted] believed Uhl was only trying to fight him. [redacted] did not believe Uhl was trying to carjack him or enter his vehicle.

On 05/09/2022 I responded to the Chevron and uploaded surveillance footage to a USB drive. The surveillance cameras also recorded audio. There are four camera angles captured. The first is from inside the store lobby. At approximately 2016 hours, Uhl entered Chevron Store and began yelling loudly. Uhl approached the checkout counter and pushed over a display case, causing it to tip over and its contents to fall out.

The second camera angle is from the gas pump area facing pump #1 and #3. At approximately 0817 hours, Uhl exited the store and approached [redacted] near pump #3. Uhl approached [redacted] in an aggressive manner and stood face to face with him. The two go out of sight behind [redacted] van.

The third camera angle is an exterior camera on the north east side of the building facing south. This angle showed [redacted] and Uhl walk back around the front of [redacted] van back to near the pumps. This camera angle later showed Uhl strike [redacted] multiple times and later showed Uhl confronting [redacted] in an aggressive manner.

The fourth camera angle is from an exterior camera on the south side of the building facing south west. This camera angle showed [redacted] arrive at approximately 2017 hours and park his car on the south side of the parking lot. [redacted] exited his vehicle and walked toward the front entrance of the store. Later [redacted] is seen walking back toward his car and Uhl approached him from behind. Uhl is heard yelling and approached [redacted]. Without being provocation, Uhl [redacted] on the head and body.

[redacted] continued toward his car, and was punched again by Uhl. [redacted] began to open the driver door to his car and Uhl continually tried to pull [redacted] away and pulled on the door. Once [redacted] was inside Uhl pulled [redacted] hair and punched him multiple times while inside the car. [redacted] closed the driver door, Uhl was able to open it from the outside but [redacted] was able to close the door again and prevent Uhl from entering. Uhl continually pulled on the driver door handle and did not walk away. [redacted] was able to start his car and drive away from Uhl. Uhl held onto the door handle, was pulled forward and fell to the ground. Uhl later stood up and walked south out of camera angle.

At approximately 2022 hours [redacted] and multiple other people arrive in a dark minivan and parked on the south side of the parking lot. The group exited the minivan and stood near the gas pumps, Uhl approached the group of men. The group stepped away from Uhl and formed a circle around him. Uhl began walked toward [redacted] and pulled his pants and underwear down. [redacted] walked away from Uhl. Uhl faced [redacted] with is genital completely exposed. Uhl then thrusted his hips multiple times with his genitals exposed. Uhl continued to follow [redacted] to the front of the store near the gas pumps. At approximately 2024 hours, Uhl approached [redacted] in an aggressive manner, [redacted] punched Uhl. [redacted] and Uhl separated then Uhl fell to the ground.

At approximately 2027 hours I arrived on scene followed by Deputy Vrabel and Deputy Tamayo. As I drove into the south driveway toward the group of men, Uhl stood up, with his pants below his knees and approached [redacted] Uhl used his right hand to punch [redacted] one time on the head, then I tackled Uhl to the ground. Uhl was taken into custody, placed in the position of recovery until medics arrived. (See footage loaded onto the USB drive.)

After reviewing the footage and watching Uhl expose his genitals and thrust his hip in a public place while [redacted] was near him, I believe Uhl was in violation of 314 PC, indecent exposure. After reviewing the footage I was unable to get in contact with [redacted] to interview him regarding the indecent exposure and determine if he were offended during the incident.

I booked the (CA-1) USB drive into evidence at the Sheriff's Office.

I activated my body worn camera during this incident.

Nothing further at this time.

Forward to DA for prosecution.

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Sutherland, Robert 1102847**
Date/Time: **05/06/2022 21:01:00**

DEPUTY SUTHERLAND SUPPLEMENT:

On 05/06/2022, at approximately 2011 hrs, I responded to [redacted] Old Redwood Hwy on a report of a subject starting fights with citizens. I was in full SCSO uniform and driving a marked SCSO vehicle. Upon arrival I saw the suspect, later identified as Ryan Uhl, laying on the ground detained in handcuffs.

I located Witness [redacted] in the Molsberry Market parking lot. I asked him if he had seen what had happened and he told me the following in summary:

He initially saw Uhl in the Molsberry Market lot kicking the door of [redacted] Larkfield Center. Uhl eventually made his way to the Chevron lot where Uhl confronted him. Uhl was yelling and swearing at him. At one point Uhl struck the hood of his pickup truck and even got inside of the cab. [redacted] advised that there was no damage to his vehicle and did not want anything further done.

I checked the door at [redacted] Larkfield Center and there was no damage to it.

I was then approached by [redacted] and an unidentified female. [redacted] told me that he knew Uhl and wanted to make sure the subject we had detained was in fact him. After seeing Uhl, [redacted] confirmed it was him and told me the following in

summary:

Uhl is a recovering alcoholic and was over at his house. Uhl began to consume alcohol (beer and shots) and began to get angry. Uhl said that he was going to walk home from [redacted] house as the unidentified female had taken his car keys from him. That was the last he saw Uhl until the Chevron parking lot.

Nothing further.

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Wonneberger, Francisco 1102631**
Date/Time: **05/07/2022 00:04:00**

On 5/6/22 at approximately 2014 hours I responded to Chevron [redacted] Old Redwood Hwy, Larkfield) regarding a suspicious person. At the time I was assigned to Sheriff's Helicopter "Henry One" as the Tactical Flight Officer (TFO). In addition to myself, the crew included Pilot Cooper.

Once on scene, I utilized the helicopter's camera and observed a white male subject wearing a long sleeve white shirt, with a blue t-shirt on top of it and dark pants. The subject, later identified as Ryan Uhl, was proned out in the south side of the gas station parking lot.

As the helicopter continued to orbit, I would sometimes lose sight of Uhl for a brief period of time. Uhl walked southbound into the Molsberry's parking lot and assaulted a subject wearing a grey shirt and blue jeans near a gray pickup truck. After a few moments he then walked back into the gas station parking lot where a group of several subjects had gathered. As Uhl walked towards them the crowd dispersed. Uhl then pulled down his pants and underwear, exposing his genitals and walked towards a male subject. The subject ran away from Uhl towards the gas pumps. Uhl turned around and thrust his hips back and forth in a sexual manner.

Uhl pulled his pants back up and charged towards the people under the overhang. On the north end of the parking lot he took a fighting stance towards a male subject in a sleeveless shirt. Uhl threw a punch towards the subject and the subject blocked it. Uhl continued to maintain a fighting stance and then marched towards a crowd of people at the front door to the store.

I briefly lost sight of the group. When I completed the orbit I saw Uhl was on the ground on the southern end of the parking lot with 4 people standing over him. One subject pointed at him as if to tell him to stay on the ground. Uhl grabbed the subject's legs with both arms and another subject pulled Uhl off the person and onto the ground.

Uhl lay on the ground for a few moments, then got up and staggered off under a tree and out of view. Uhl remained by the tree until Deputies arrived on scene. As the first patrol car arrived, Uhl came out from behind the tree, and stood up with his pants around his knees. He approached a male subject and punched him in the back of the head wrapping his arm around the subject's neck. The subject pushed Uhl backwards and then Uhl was taken to the ground by a Deputy. See their report for details.

A recording of the helicopter camera footage was uploaded to evidence.com.

Nothing further.

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Anderson, Jon 1102488**
Date/Time: **05/07/2022 05:35:00**

On 050622 at about 2011 hours I responded with other Windsor PD Deputies to the report of a subject, later identified as suspect Ryan Uhl, fighting with people at the Chevron fuel station in Larkfield [redacted] Old redwood Highway). Upon arrival I activated my BWC and observed Uhl with other Deputies, handcuffed on the ground. Several citizens were standing in the area and among them I contacted victim, [redacted] who provided the following:

[redacted] was at the Chevron fueling his work van when Uhl suddenly approached him and yelled at him to, "pump your gas and get the fuck out of here". Uhl then ran into the store and engaged another customer, later identified as victim [redacted] and

struck [redacted] As Uhl was hitting [redacted] telephoned 911. Uhl noticed [redacted] on the phone and ran back over to him and yelled at him then returned to [redacted] who was retreating to his vehicle. [redacted] observed [redacted] trying to get away from Uhl and saw Uhl pulling on [redacted] mirror as [redacted] tried to flee from Uhl in his vehicle which caused Uhl to fall to the ground. Uhl again returned to [redacted] and again started yelling at him and striking [redacted] van. As [redacted] returned the nozzle to the pump, Uhl struck him in the mouth with a closed fist. Uhl advance further toward [redacted] and [redacted] defended himself by punching Uhl in the face, knocking him to the ground. Uhl then got up and began fighting with Deputy Aikens. [redacted] showed me an abrasion, about one quarter of an inch in diameter, on the inside of his lower lip he advised was a result of Uhl striking him. [redacted] was otherwise uninjured and his van was not damaged. [redacted] advised he was willing to appear in court regarding the incident.

I next contacted [redacted] who provided the following:

[redacted] was at Chevron on his lunch break to get some food and noticed Uhl in what appeared to him to be an argument with [redacted] As he crossed the parking lot, [redacted] was suddenly confronted by Uhl who challenged him to fight. [redacted] tried to reason with Uhl but Uhl kept following him and [redacted] tried to cross the parking lot to get to his vehicle. Uhl was punching the windows on [redacted] vehicle chased [redacted] around his vehicle, punching him and pulling his hair. [redacted] reached is vehicle and tried to get in as Uhl pulled his hair and held the door open. [redacted] was ultimately able to get his vehicle started and drive forward causing Uhl to lose his balance and fall to the ground as [redacted] sped away. [redacted] had difficulty describing exactly how Uhl exchanged back and forth between he and [redacted] and agreed with my description of the incident as, "dynamic".

I observed an abrasion on [redacted] lower lip about one eighth on an inch in diameter which he stated was the result of Uhl striking him in the mouth. [redacted] was otherwise uninjured and agreed to appear in court regarding the incident. [redacted] and I examined his vehicle and did not locate any damage. I observed clothing impressions and disturbance in the dust on the vehicle consistent with the struggle [redacted] described at the driver's door.

I asked [redacted] if he ran over Uhl when he drove away and he stated, "I hope not!" I also contacted one of the medics attending to Uhl and advised them there was a possibility Uhl had been unintentionally struck or injured by the vehicle was [redacted] fled.

Prior to releasing them from the scene I confirmed with both [redacted] and [redacted] that Deputy Aikens had an opportunity to photograph their injuries.

Attach to original.

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Vrabel, Stephen 1102485**
Date/Time: **05/08/2022 20:04:54**

On 05/06/22, at approximately 2016 hours, I responded to the Chevron gas station located at [redacted] Old Redwood Highway, Larkfield for a report of an assault. While enroute to this call I received several updates via Sheriff Dispatch and Henry-1 that a suspect who was described as a white male adult in his 30's, 5'10", average build wearing a blue shirt and jeans, was actively assaulting people. I feared for the safety of the individuals at this public location and I activated my vehicle's overhead emergency lights and siren and responded to the Chevron code 3. I additionally feared there may be injuries to victims and a potential the suspect may need medical attention. I requested that dispatch stage medical near-by for a quick response.

I arrived to the above address. As I entered the parking lot from the west entrance, I observed an individual matching the suspect description who was later identified as Ryan Uhl lying on the ground in the supine position with his pants around his ankles. Uhl was a few feet south of the Chevron gas station building. I quickly exited my patrol car. As I exited my patrol car Uhl abruptly got up off of the ground and stood on his feet. Uhl then took several fast paced steps forward clenched his fist and threw one punch hitting [redacted] in the side of the head with a closed fist strike.

Given the call for service where several reporting parties stated Uhl had physically assaulted people coupled with

my observation of Uhl punching someone I feared Uhl may further assault someone else. I quickly ran towards Uhl to detain him. At this time Deputy Aikens took Uhl to the ground. Refer to Deputy Aikens report for further information regarding his use of force.

Once Uhl was on the ground, in order to maintain control of him and prevent myself and my partners from being assaulted I took control of his left arm with an arm bar control hold using a firm grip. I rolled the suspect onto his stomach and Uhl was secured in handcuffs.

At this time I quickly realized Uhl was unconscious however he was actively breathing. I assisted my partners in placing Uhl into the recover position by rolling him onto his right side. At this time I advised dispatch the scene was safe and I requested they send medical to our location.

Uhl was transported via ambulance to Memorial Hospital. I escorted the ambulance to the hospital and stood guard of Uhl until I was relieved by Deputy Aikens.

I was equipped with my Axon body worn camera and I activated it for the duration of this incident. I later uploaded the footage to Evidence.com

This supplemental report is merely a summary of the incident and it is not intended to be an exact transcription.

Nothing further.

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Tamayo, Julian 1102513**
Date/Time: **05/14/2022 19:12:00**

On 5/6/22, at approximately 2016 hours, I responded to the Chevron gas station located at [redacted] Old Redwood Highway, Larkfield for a report of an assault. While enroute to the location Sheriff's Dispatch and Henry-1 was providing live updates that a male suspect, later identified as Ryan Uhl, was actively assaulting people at the Chevron gas station. At one point, Henry-1 advised me that the male suspect attempted to pull a driver out of a vehicle. Due to the severity of the incident, I activated my overhead emergency lights and siren and responded to the Chevron code 3.

I arrived at the Chevron gas station and quickly got out of my patrol vehicle. Deputies Vrabel and Aikens arrived seconds before me. Immediately after I got out of my patrol vehicle, I witnessed Uhl run towards a civilian, later identified as [redacted] with clenched fists. Uhl then planted his feet and threw one punch hitting [redacted] on the side of the head.

Based on the call for service where several civilians reported being assaulted, I feared Uhl may attempt to further assault people. I quickly ran towards Uhl who was taken to the ground by Deputy Aikens. I applied handcuffs to Uhl and checked them for proper fit and double locked them.

At this time, we noticed that Uhl was unconscious but still breathing. I assisted my partners in placing Uhl in the recovery position by rolling him onto his side. Once Uhl was secured and the scene was safe, medical personnel entered the scene and began medical treatment of Uhl.

Uhl was transported to Memorial Hospital via abulance and I left the scene.

During the incident I was equipped with my body worn camera. I attempted to activate my body worn camera when I exited my patrol vehicle but later noticed I was not successful. I later activated my body worn camera when I discovered it had not been recording. The footage was uploaded to Evidence.com.