

Police use tasers to subdue two suspects

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Crescent City police were forced to use tasers twice in two days to control suspects who refused to cooperate with police.

Crescent City Police Chief Richard Griffin shared the details of the events, saying officers had to escalate to tasers when the different suspects resisted.

On September 3, two officers and a K-9 officer responded to Safeway just before 9 p.m. to a report of a theft. When they arrived, Officer Tyler Balch contacted Steffen Dacquisto, 30, and attempted to detain him.

Dacquisto refused to listen to Balch's verbal command and became aggressive. When Balch tried to handcuff him, Dacquisto pulled back, made his hands into a fist and took a fighting stance. Balch pulled his taser and held Dacquisto before again attempting to handcuff him.

For a second time, Dacquisto resisted and began fighting Balch. Sgt. Anthony Lopez then deployed his taser and Dacquisto was taken into custody.

Dacquisto was taken to the hospital and later booked on charges of shoplifting and resisting an executive officer with force. Lt. Kai, the department's K-9 officer, was at the scene, but did not need to be used.

The very next day, police received a call just before 4 p.m. about a possible burglary in progress at a business in the 200 block of Highway 101. Officer Alex Pearson and Sgt. Edward Wilson responded to the scene and found David Schumack, 35, inside a shed on the property.

When the officers talked with Schumack, he gave them a false name. After verifying Schumack was not allowed on the property, the officers attempted to take him into custody.

Schumack began fighting with both officers before Wilson was able to use his taser. Unfortunately, the taser had little effect and Schumack continued to fight Pearson.

According to Griffin, Wilson used a drive-stun technique against Schumack, and the officers were finally able to take him into custody.

Schumack was transported to Sutter Coast Hospital for medical clearance and booked on charges of burglary, obstruct/resist and executive officer, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and giving false identification to a police officer.