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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A. McLaughlin
Report Number: FG1701277
Date / Time Incident: September 16, 2017 / 7:32 P.M.
Location of Incident: 100 Block of Minnesota Avenue
Crime or Incident: 664/187 (a) PC – Attempted Murder, 422 (a) PC – Criminal Threats, 245 (a)(4) PC – Assault with a deadly weapon, 186.22 (b)(1)(C) PC – Criminal street gang enhancement, 12022 (b)(1) PC – Commit Felony while armed with a weapon.
Victim(s): Multiple
Suspect(s): Andrew Hurtado – 18 years old of Fort Bragg; Ricardo Arenas – 21 years old of Fort Bragg; third suspect not yet identified

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On September 16, 2017, at approximately 7:32 p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the 100 Block of Minnesota Avenue for the report of a gang related altercation which had just occurred. When officers arrived on scene they made contact with the victims and requested a medical response to the scene.

During the course of the initial investigation, Officers determined three suspects; Andrew Hurtado, Ricardo Arenas, and a third suspect yet to be identified had blocked the path of the victim's vehicle with theirs when the victims were returning home. They then pulled one of the victims from the driver side of the vehicle and assaulted him utilizing a knife, baseball bat, and chain. When one of the victims stated they were calling the police, the suspects returned to their vehicle and fled the scene. Andrew Hurtado and Ricardo Arenas are known members and associates of the Norteño criminal street gang.

It was also determined earlier in the evening the same suspects had been in front of the victim's residence while the victims were preparing to leave to the store. The suspects brandished red bandanas towards the victims while shouting unintelligible remarks. The suspects then followed the victims in their vehicle for several blocks before speeding away.

On September 17, 2017, at approximately 12:00 A.M., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department, Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and Agents with the Mendocino County Major Crimes Task Force served arrest and search warrants at two locations in the Fort Bragg area. Andrew Hurtado was located and taken into custody for the above listed crimes. Ricardo Arenas is still outstanding and a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information related to the above incident may contact Officer Breyer at (707) 961-2800 ext. 189 or on our anonymous Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.



WANTED
Ricardo Arenas

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