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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Charles Gilchrist
Report Number: FG09-478
Date / Time Incident: 04/21-22/2009
Location of Incident: 1211 S. Main Street
Crime or Incident: 664 / 288 (c) (1) PC **Attempted Lewd Acts with a Child**
Victim: State of California
Suspect: Jason Randall Montgomery 09/29/68

CIRCUMSTANCES:

Officers with the Fort Bragg Police Department conducted an investigation involving sexual predator activity on Myspace.com. Investigators created an online profile of a 15 year old female from Fort Bragg. The 40 year old suspect, Jason Montgomery, willfully attempted to engage in lewd and lascivious acts with a child and arranged a meeting. Upon arriving at the meeting spot, Officers took Montgomery into custody.

“Cyber predators are a growing group of criminals that are stalking our communities,” said Chief Puthuff. Fort Bragg Police Department is sending officers to Cyber Crime courses to proactively combat the online criminals. Puthuff stated, “This arrest is a graphic illustration of the type of potential dangers out there for our children. In this case it is very disturbing that the 40 year old suspect was aggressively pursuing a 15 year old. He arranged the meeting with the specific intent to engage in sexual acts with a child, all after fixing dinner for his 11 and 13 year old children, who he left alone at home,” said Puthuff.

FBPD Officers obtained a search warrant of the suspect’s residence and with the assistance of Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office, seized a variety of additional evidence. The suspect’s computer will be forensically processed.

A variety of online information links are available to the community. Fort Bragg Police Department is working on a Cyber-Safe link and brochure for our citizens.

<http://www.cyber-safety.com>