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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Lt. Mike Richards
Report Number: FG08-740
Date / Time Incident: 05/27/08 – 06/01/08
Location of Incident: Multiple
Crime or Incident: Burglary, Forgery, Grand Theft
Victim: Multiple
Suspect: Anastacio Gilbert Garcia 02/11/66

CIRCUMSTANCES:

Officer Gregory, with the Fort Bragg Police Department, has been investigating the report of several bad checks that were passed in the City of Fort Bragg. Through her efforts, she was able to determine that the suspect in this case was a person working for the carnival that was in our city the last week of May.

The suspect wrote checks at a local bicycle store, jewelry store and seven checks at a local grocery market. The checks were from a closed account from the U.S. Bank in South Dakota.

Officer Gregory coordinated with several agencies to get this suspect identified and have a warrant issued for his arrest. She was also able to track the carnival to the city of Stockton, where they were setting up at the San Joaquin County Fair Grounds.

Officer Gregory contacted the detectives in Stockton and provided them with the information and photos of the suspect. The detectives there went to the fair grounds and found the suspect, still in possession of the items purchased in Fort Bragg, and a "truck load" of more evidence. It is believed this suspect had been writing bad checks all over the state as he traveled with the carnival.

A teletype has gone out statewide to all law enforcement agencies to let them know this suspect is in custody and what his method of operation was. It is believed, due to the outstanding investigation done by Officer Gregory, that there will be more cases all over our state that will be cleared up with this arrest. It was also learned that this suspect is wanted in three other states for the same crimes and has done prior prison time for similar offenses. "This is an outstanding effort by Officer Gregory. Her tenacious investigatory efforts led to the recovery of large amounts of property and the apprehension of a career criminal," said Lt. Richards.

The suspect is now in custody in the Mendocino County Jail on 7 counts of 470d PC. (Forgery), 9 counts of 459 PC. (Burglary), 2 counts of 476a PC. (Non-Sufficient Funds), 1 count of 487 PC. (Grand Theft).

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