



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee  
Report Number: FA08-1272  
Date / Time Incident: October 13, 2008 0945 hours  
Location of Incident: Intersection of SR-20 and SR-1  
Crime or Incident: Overturned Gravel Truck Trailer  
Victim: State of California  
Suspect: Carleton Bruce Jr. (Driver)

**CIRCUMSTANCES:** On 10-13-08 at approximately 0945 hours, Officers were dispatched to the intersection of SR-20 and SR-1 for a report of an overturned "Big Rig" that had spilled its load blocking the south bound lane of SR-1.

Upon arrival, it was observed by Officers that a large semi gravel truck loaded with "pea-gravel" was stopped at the north end of the Hare Creek Bridge, blocking the southbound lane of SR-1. The transfer trailer, which the truck was towing, was lying on its side, still attached to the dump truck. The trailer, which was loaded with the same material, had overturned while negotiating a left turn onto SR-1 from SR-20, spilling its entire load on the roadway shoulder of SR-1.

Approximately 10 yards of material had spilled from the trailer on to the roadway and shoulder area.

There were no reported injuries or serious property damage as a result. The driver, Carleton Bruce Jr. of Glenn, CA, was only slightly shaken over the incident.

Traffic was slightly delayed due to the closure of the southbound lane, however the trailer was quickly up righted by Orca Towing's large semi tow truck. The truck and trailer were then driven from the scene by Bruce.

Cleanup efforts were conducted by Cal Tran's employees who were called in off duty at the time due to the Columbus Day holiday. Cal Trans Supervisor Danny Figueiredo called in employees from Cal Trans, and provided a speedy response, which resulted in a timely removal of material and the reopening of the roadway.

The cause of the roll over is still under investigation.

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