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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Chris Awad
Report Number: FG1901309
Date / Time: December 3, 2019 / 3:46 P.M.
Location of Incident: 200 Block of N. Franklin Street
Crime or Incident: 206 PC (Torture), 245(a)(1) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon), 207 PC (Kidnapping), 203 PC (Mayhem), 237 PC, (False Imprisonment), 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence)
Suspect: Francisco Martinez-Rodriguez (19 year old male of Fort Bragg)
Victim: Name Withheld (17 year old female of Fort Bragg)

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On December 3, 2019 at approximately 3:46pm, Officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to Purity Market for a report of a female at the location advising she had been assaulted by her boyfriend. Officers arrived and located the suspect, who was identified as Francisco Martinez-Rodriguez. Officers also located the victim who was hiding in the back of the store with staff.

The victim had serious trauma and bruising on and about her face. The victim also had fresh lacerations and minor stab wounds to different parts of her body. The victim relayed to Officers that she had been physically assaulted by Martinez-Rodriguez multiple times over the course of two weeks while being held against her will. During that time Martinez-Rodriguez repeatedly stabbed the victim and forced her to cut herself as punishment.

Officers took Martinez-Rodriguez into custody without incident and he was transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he is currently being held on the above charges. The victim was transported via ambulance to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital where she was treated for her injuries and released to her mother.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is actively investigating to determine whether any other parties had any knowledge of, or involvement in the above events.

If you have information related to this investigation please contact Officer T. Smith at (707) 961-2800 ext. 169 or tsmith@fortbragg.com. Anonymous tips may be left on the Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049. Questions regarding this press release may be forwarded to Officer Awad at (707) 961-2800 ext. 180 or e-mailed to cawad@fortbragg.com.

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