



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Chris Awad  
**Report Number:** FG2000166  
**Date / Time:** February 9, 2020 / 12:30 a.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 200 Block of E. Redwood Avenue  
**Crime or Incident:** 203 PC (Mayhem), 245 (a) (4) PC (Assault with means likely to produce great bodily injury)  
**Suspect:** Name withheld, ongoing investigation (38 year old male, Fort Bragg, CA)  
**Victim:** Name withheld, ongoing investigation (42 year old male, Fort Bragg, CA)

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On February 9, 2020 at approximately 12:30 a.m. Officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department responded to the 200 Block of E. Redwood Avenue for a report of a fight with possible injuries. Upon their arrival, Officers contacted the victim, a 42 year old male from Fort Bragg. The victim was bleeding from the left side of his head, near his left ear. Officers saw the victim was missing his left ear lobe. The victim advised he was involved in a physical altercation with another male who was identified as a 38 year old male from Fort Bragg. The victim stated during the altercation, the suspect bit his ear off.

Officers requested an emergency medical response to the location to treat the victim for his injuries. Officers located the ear lobe, packed it in ice and provided it to medical personnel. The victim was subsequently transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital for treatment. Officers learned the suspect left the location prior to their arrival. Officers issued a Be On the Look Out (BOLO) message to neighboring Law Enforcement Agencies for the suspect.

The suspect contacted the Fort Bragg Police Department to provide a statement in regard to this incident. The suspect is cooperating with this investigation. This investigation is ongoing and will be sent to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office to review for charges.

If you have information related to this investigation, please contact Officer Welter at (707) 961-2800 ext. 168 or [awelter@fortbragg.com](mailto:awelter@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 Sergeant Awad at (707) 961-2800 ext. 180 or e-mailed to [cawad@fortbragg.com](mailto:cawad@fortbragg.com).

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