



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Chris Awad  
**Report Number:** FA2000228 / FQ2000228  
**Date / Time:** February 22, 2020 / 4:51 a.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 200 Block of N. Franklin Street  
**Crime or Incident:** 20002(a) CVC (Hit and Run Property Damage), 23152  
(a) CVC (Driving Under the Influence)  
**Suspect:** Sierra Kocher (21 year old female, Fort Bragg)  
**Victim:** City of Fort Bragg, State of California

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On February 22, 2020 at approximately 4:51 a.m. Officers noticed a street sign lying in the middle of the sidewalk on the west side of the 200 Block of N. Franklin Street that had been struck by a vehicle. Officers found a trail of motor oil leading away from the scene of the collision. Officers followed the oil to a vehicle parked and abandoned in the 400 Block of N. McPherson Street. Officers towed the vehicle. Officers further learned this was the same vehicle that was referenced in a possible driving under the influence Be on the Lookout (BOLO) warning issued by the California Highway Patrol for an incident which occurred south of the city limits of Fort Bragg. The California Highway Patrol was actively investigating a hit and run traffic collision at the Nor Cal Gas Station.

Officers responded to Nor Cal Gas and obtained surveillance video identifying Sierra Kocher as the driver of the vehicle. Witnesses and surveillance video show Kocher was showing signs of intoxication at the time of this incident.

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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