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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number: FA2000253
Date / Time: February 27, 2020 / 6:31 p.m.
Location of Incident: 18000 Block SR 1
Crime or Incident: Driving Under the Influence with Priors, Evading Officers
Suspect: Pergunnar Guinan, 62 year old male, Fort Bragg
Victim: State of California

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On February 27, 2020, at approximately 6:31 p.m., Fort Bragg Police Department was dispatched to the 100 Block of S. Franklin Street for a report of an intoxicated male attempting to drive away in his vehicle. Officers were provided a vehicle description and license plate. They located the vehicle as it entered S. Main Street from Madrone Street.

An Officer began following the suspect vehicle and identified evidence that the driver was likely impaired. The Officer attempted a traffic enforcement stop, however the suspect driver continued to drive southbound at speeds between 25 MPH and 35 MPH for several blocks, while driving erratically into oncoming traffic and off of the roadway.

Believing the suspect vehicle did not intend to stop for law enforcement, Officers were sent south of the vehicle in order to deploy spike strips. The suspect vehicle was funneled onto the Hare Creek Bridge where Officers successfully deployed spike strips disabling three out of four of the suspect vehicle's tires.

With the vehicle's tires disabled, the vehicle slowly left the roadway and came to a stop. Officers and Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were then able to safely remove the driver from his vehicle and take him into custody. The driver, identified as Pergunnar Guinan provided a breath sample which showed a blood alcohol content of 0.26%. Guinan arrest record revealed a recent conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol. Guinan was transported to County Jail on charges related to this incident.

The Police Department would like to thank both the initial witness who reported this intoxicated driver to law enforcement, and to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office for their immediate assistance during this event.

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