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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: John Naulty, Chief of Police

Event: New Police officer

Date / Time of Event: Sunday, November 1, 2020 **Location of Event:** Fort Bragg Police Department

CIRCUMSTANCES:

Fort Bragg Police Department would like to announce the promotion of Officer Colin McHugh from Community Service Officer, (CSO) to Police Officer effective Sunday November 1, 2020.

Officer McHugh was hired in March 2019 as a Community Service Officer for the department. A community Service Officers provides support to the officers and the department, their primary function is transportation or prisoners to Ukiah, Animal Control, Abandoned Vehicles Abatement and many other time consuming duties.

Officer McHugh's excellent performance as a Community Service Officer was recognized by police staff who recommended sending him to the police academy. March 2020 Officer McHugh was sent to the Santa Rosa Police Academy, for the next six months, with several interruptions from Covid and fires, he graduated and completed his training on October 23, 2020. It should be noted that Officer McHugh was top in his class academically as well as receiving the highest mark for scenario testing, one hundred percent rating.

On Monday November 2, 2020, the honorable City Clerk for the city of Fort Bragg June Lemos, swore into the position of Police Officer Colin McHugh, his wife Tristin pinned the police shield number 56 on her husband. In attendance at the ceremony was Fort Bragg Police Department staff, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department personnel, City Hall staff, City Manager-Tabatha Miller and Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell.

Officer McHugh and his wife Tristin have resided in the community for several years. Tristin is involved in preserving the waters off the coast as a Marine Ecologist, and has been recognized for her work in several recent articles.

