



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Thomas N. O'Neal  
**Date / Time:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Location of Incident:** Various  
**Crime or Incident:** Arrest and Incident Information Release

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Over the last three days, the Fort Bragg Police Department have made several notable arrests while additionally handling nearly 100 calls for service. Below is a summary of the major incidents/arrests:

On 11/04/2020, at approximately 1845 hours, Officers responded to the report of traffic collision with injuries near the intersection of S. Main Street and Boatyard Drive. On scene, Officers determined that 41-year old James McGary, of Fort Bragg, was operating his vehicle intoxicated when he collided with the back of another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance. During the driving under the influence investigation, McGary attempted to flee the scene on foot but he was quickly apprehended by Officers. A breath test showed McGary's blood alcohol content was 0.362%. He was transported to County Jail.

On 11/04/2020, at approximately 2252 hours, Officers were dispatched to Taco Bell for a vehicle driving erratically in the parking lot. Officers contacted and arrested 24-year old, Eduardo Maldonado-Lomeli, of Long Beach, CA, for driving under the influence. During the investigation process, Maldonado-Lomeli resisted arrest and spat on an Officer. Maldonado-Lomeli was transported to County Jail.

On 11/05/2020, at approximately 0940 hours, an Officer of the Fort Bragg Police Department made a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle occupied by three documented criminal street gang members. During the stop, the driver of the vehicle, 20-year old, Carlos Garcia, of Fort Bragg, was arrested on a felony warrant related to a previous gang incident. Additionally, a 17-year old passenger was found to be in possession of an approximately 12-inch long bowie style knife secreted inside of his pants. The 17-year old passenger was arrested for violation of California Penal Code Section 21310. A second 12-inch bowie knife and a replica firearm were recovered as well. Both Garcia and the juvenile passenger were transported to County Jail and Juvenile Hall.

On 11/05/2020, at approximately 1438 hours, Officers responded to the report of a traffic collision in the 600 Block of S. Main Street. While responding to the scene, Officers

learned that the suspect driver was fleeing the scene on foot. An Officer of the Fort Bragg Police Department engaged in a foot pursuit of the suspect driver and apprehended him two blocks away. 31-year old, Steven Phenix of Fort Bragg, was arrested for driving under the influence and found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.15%. Phenix was transported to County Jail.

On 11/05/2020, at approximately 1900 hours, Officers were dispatched to the bluffs north of Pudding Creek Beach for the report of domestic violence altercation involving a male and female. After checking the beach and bluffs extensively, Officers were unable to find the parties. Officers were later dispatched back to the area for the altercation now occurring in one of the nearby motel rooms. 33-year old Mary Larochelle, of Santee, CA, was arrested for felony domestic violence and transported to County Jail.

On 11/06/2020, at approximately 0820 hours, Officers investigated a commercial burglary which occurred at the Fort Bragg Outlet. Sometime overnight, an unknown suspect forced entry into the business and stole several items. Information related to the suspect's identity has been acquired and physical evidence was recovered. This is an active investigation. Please contact the Fort Bragg Police Department if you have any information related to this incident.

Besides the above calls for service in the last two days Officers additionally made five other arrests for a variety of crimes.

Questions regarding this press release may be forwarded to Sergeant O'Neal at [toneal@fortbragg.com](mailto:toneal@fortbragg.com) or (707) 961-2800 ext. 167.