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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer:	Officer Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number:	FG1500352
Date / Time Incident:	Ongoing
Location of Incident:	Fort Bragg, CA
Crime or Incident:	Theft by False Pretenses
Victim(s):	Multiple
Suspect(s):	Araceli Martinez, AKA Maria Araceli Gomez Ramos

CIRCUMSTANCES:

For several months the Fort Bragg Police Department has been investigating accusations that Araceli Martinez has been victimizing undocumented citizens of the Hispanic community by claiming she has the ability to expedite their citizenship process. These accusations were accompanied by claims that Martinez may have been accepting large amounts of cash for these alleged fraudulent services, as well as requesting personally identifying documents such as birth certificates, identification cards and social security cards as part of her criminal activity.

The Fort Bragg Police Department believes this criminal activity may have been occurring for the last twenty years, and is requesting the public's assistance in identifying other victims in this investigation. Potential victims or those with any information pertaining to this investigation are requested to contact Officer O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 167.

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the community that your local law enforcement agency has 24 hour translation services, and welcomes tips and questions regarding illegal activity within our community. Anonymous information can be left on the Department Crime Tip Hotline at 707-961-3049.

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