



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **\*PRESS RELEASE\***

Releasing Officer: Officer Thomas N. O'Neal  
Report Number: FG1500836  
Date / Time Incident: July 17, 2015 / 3:00 p.m.  
Location of Incident: Hospitality House (237 N. McPherson Street)  
Crime or Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery causing  
Serious Injury  
Victim(s): Jaunda Brown  
Suspect(s): Desirea Rodarte

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On July 17, 2015, Fort Bragg police officers responded with lights and siren to the report of an assault which was actively occurring at the Hospitality House. While in route to the scene, officers were notified that the suspect in the assault, Desirea Rodarte, was in possession of a knife.

When officers reached the scene, the victim and suspect had been separated and ambulance personnel were requested to treat injuries sustained by both. Through various witness statements and evidence located at the scene, officers were able to establish that Rodarte was a client at the Hospitality House who was in the process of being removed from services due to multiple violations of the program's standards. During the process of Rodarte being removed, she physically attacked Jaunda Brown, a manager of the program. During the attack, Rodarte struck Brown with her fists and a cellphone. When other residents of the house attempted to assist Brown, Rodarte produced a knife and attempted to injure herself. Residents of the house were able to disarm Rodarte and separate the parties prior to officers' arrival.

Rodarte was arrested for 245(a)(1) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon) and 243(d) PC (Battery causing Serious Injury). Rodarte is currently being held at the Mendocino County Adult Detention Facility awaiting arraignment.

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