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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number: FG1501018
Date / Time Incident: August 29, 2015 / 8:55 a.m.
Location of Incident: 100 Block of E. Redwood Avenue
Crime or Incident: Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant, False Imprisonment, Sexual Battery
Victim(s): 40 year old female
Suspect(s): 38 year old male

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On August 29, 2015, Fort Bragg police officers responded with lights and siren to the report of a 911 hang-up during which a female victim could be heard screaming for help. When officers were provided the address, they recognized it as belonging to the suspect who was currently wanted on a felony warrant out of Mendocino County.

When officers reached the scene, they encountered a locked door to the community entrance to the apartment. Based on the limited information provided during the initial call, officers resorted to calling the suspect out of the residence using the loudspeaker on their patrol vehicle. The suspect complied with the officers' commands and surrendered immediately.

With the suspect detained, officers learned through statements made by the victim, that he had sexually fondled her breasts while she slept at his residence, and then proceeded to cover her nose and mouth when she attempted to scream for help. The female victim was able to escape and call 911 for help prior to the suspect again covering her nose and mouth to prevent her from speaking with police dispatch.

Based on the above evidence, the suspect was arrested for 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury on a Cohabitant), 236 PC (False Imprisonment) and 243.3 PC (Sexual Battery). He is currently being held at the Mendocino County Adult Detention Facility.

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