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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A. McLaughlin
Report Number(s): FG1501098 & FG1500946
Date: September 14, 2015
Location of Incident: 124 N. Franklin Street
Crime or Incident: 470(a) PC & 182(A) (1) PC
Victim(s): Multiple
Suspect(s): Alvaro Martinez-Gonzalez & Cody Donahoo

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On September 14, 2015 at approximately 3:00 P.M., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to 124 N. Franklin Street (La Bamba Imports) for a report of a subject attempting to cash a suspected fraudulent check. Upon arrival officers contacted the reporting party who identified Alvaro Martinez-Gonzalez, age 29, out of Santa Rosa, and Cody Donahoo, age 32, out of Fort Bragg as the suspects who were still at the location. The reporting party recognized Martinez-Gonzalez from a previous incident where he had passed a fraudulent check.

During the investigation it was determined Martinez-Gonzalez and Donahoo had stolen the check from a mail box in the area of Benson Lane and Hanson Road. While attempting to pass the check, Martinez-Gonzalez provided the store clerk with Donahoo's cellular number in order to verify the check. When the clerk called to verify the check, Donahoo, who was outside of the store, then pretended to be the check writer in order to attempt authorization of the payment.

Martinez-Gonzalez and Donahoo were arrested for Fraud (470(A) PC) and Conspiracy to Commit a Crime (182(A)(1) PC). They were then transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

If anyone has any further information regarding this investigation please contact Officer Shaw at (707) 961-2800 ext. 181 or the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707) 964-0200.

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