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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1501362
Date / Time Incident: November 3, 2015 / 10:17 a.m.
Location of Incident: Via Internet, Fort Bragg, CA
Crime or Incident: 288.2(b) PC – Sending harmful matter to minor,
288.3 PC – Contact or communication with minor
with intent to commit specified offenses, 311.3(a)
PC – Sexual exploitation of child
Victim(s): Multiple, State of CA
Suspect: Douglas Charles Pippert, 46 years old, Upper
Lake, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On November 3, 2015, Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were alerted by a concerned parent of inappropriate activity discovered on their child's Facebook account.

Initial investigation revealed that a Facebook user had been communicating with the child using a fictitious Facebook account portraying themselves as a juvenile female. Multiple exchanges of inappropriate photos had been conducted, which ultimately led to photos of adult male genitalia being sent to the child. Months of investigation involving multiple search warrants for cell phone usage, WiFi Internet access, and discovery of locations for IP addresses were completed. On March 12, 2016, officers obtained and served a signed search warrant for the residence of Douglas Pippert, who was living in a travel trailer located in the Upper Lake area of Lake County. Pippert was located inside the trailer, and further evidence of child pornography and child exploitation were discovered in plain view. Pippert was arrested on multiple charges, and booked into the Lake County jail with a \$1,000,000.00 bail.

Pippert will be transferred to the Mendocino County jail where he will be arraigned on multiple felony charges. This investigation is ongoing.

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