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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1600500
Date / Time Incident: April 12, 2016 / 3:52 a.m.
Location of Incident: 111 S. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA
Crime or Incident: 664/187 PC – Attempted Homicide,
245(a)(1) PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Victim(s): Melody Borg, 30 years old, Fort Bragg, CA
Suspect: Jay Graves, 53 years old, Fort Bragg, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On April 12, 2016, Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department responded to 111 S. Franklin Street for an agency assist with ambulance staff, for the report of a female that had been shot with an air rifle. Upon arrival, officers contacted one of the residents of 111 S. Franklin St., who reported her friend “Gypsy” had come to her door frantic, advising she had been shot with an air rifle, and was currently inside her bathroom. The victim, Melody Borg, was located inside the bathroom of the residence, and was in obvious pain. Borg had a small entry wound in her upper left posterior thoracic region. Borg was transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital Emergency Room by ambulance, where it was determined that a ‘.177 caliber’ lead pellet had entered her left side, and was lodged in the front of her abdomen. Borg was later flown out to a trauma center in Santa Rosa.

Borg was vague and evasive about the circumstances leading up to her injury, and was unwilling to divulge who in fact had shot her. Through a series of questioning, officers were able to determine the incident had occurred inside the residence at 111 S. Franklin Street. Officers then returned to the residence to further question the initial witness and reporting party, and determined that another tenant, Jay Graves, had in fact intentionally shot Borg with an air pellet rifle that he keeps next to his bed. Graves was taken into custody without incident, and is currently being held in the Mendocino County Adult Detention Facility awaiting arraignment.

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