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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1601131
Date / Time Incident: 08/19/2016 – 08/20/2016
Location of Incident: 500 Block of S. Whipple Street
Crime or Incident: 646.9 PC – Stalking, 459 PC – Burglary, 422(a) PC – Criminal Threats, 594(b)(2) - Vandalism, 136.1(B)(1) – Dissuading a Victim or Witness
Victim(s): Confidential (withheld)
Suspect: Joshua Russell Ray, 34 years old, Fort Bragg, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On 08/19/2016, officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to an address in the 500 block of S. Whipple Street, for the report of an unwanted male subject at location. Upon arrival, the female victim (name withheld) advised that her ex-boyfriend, Joshua Ray, was at her residence, and was no longer welcome. Ray was contacted and counseled by officers, and left upon request. Over the course of several days, Ray was believed to have broken into the victim's residence multiple times, destroying property, and placing the victim in fear for her safety. Officers were called back to the address, but each time, Ray had already fled, and was not located.

On 08-20-16, officers were called back to the address for the fourth time in two days, for the report of Ray breaking into and entering the residence again. Upon arrival, it was discovered that Ray had broken into the firewood pass-through storage box, and entered the residence due to the locks on all the doors being changed. Ray again had fled the location prior to officer arrival. An investigation commenced into locating Ray, and he was later located inside a residence on S. McPherson Street. Ray was subsequently arrested for stalking, burglary, criminal threats, dissuading a victim or witness, and vandalism. Ray was transported to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility in Ukiah, CA.

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