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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1601244
Date / Time Incident: September 10, 2016 at 11:31 a.m.
Location of Incident: 801 S. Main Street (Chevron)
Crime or Incident: Gasoline Spill
Victim(s): Chevron Service Station
Suspect: None

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On September 10, 2016 at approximately 11:31 p.m., a Fort Bragg Police Officer was flagged down and advised of a gasoline spill at the Chevron Station (801 S. Main Street) in Fort Bragg. Upon arrival the Officer discovered a significant trail of spilled gasoline had leaked from a large motorhome that was fueling at the islands. The Fort Bragg Fire Department and City of Fort Bragg Public Works employees were immediately notified to assist in the cleanup.

Employees of the Chevron Station immediately began spreading absorbent powder on the spill, and were able to stop it from leaking into any storm drains or waterways.

Additional resources and materials were brought in to collect the saturated absorbent material, and the source vehicle was removed from the location without further spillage. It was determined that a previously blown dual tire on the rear of the motorhome had damaged the fuel filler line and vent tube, causing the fuel being pumped into the tank to be spilled on the ground, and missing the tank itself.

The driver of the motorhome was unaware of the blown inner dual tire, or the damage to the vehicle's fuel filling system. The quick response and efforts from Chevron employees, local firefighters, and City employees prevented the spill from becoming a serious environmental hazard.

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