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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number: FG1700636
Date / Time Incident: May 11, 2017 / 4:00 a.m.
Location of Incident: 300 Block of N. McPherson Street
Crime or Incident: 10851 VC – Vehicle Theft
Victim: Name withheld
Suspects: George Mansfield – 56 years of age

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On the morning of May 11, 2017, officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the 300 Block of N. McPherson Street for the report of vehicle which had been stolen sometime the previous evening. Officers were able to identify the vehicle as a white 1991 Toyota pickup which was left unsecured with the keys inside of the vehicle.

After obtaining a description of the vehicle, a Be On the LookOut (BOLO) was issued to surrounding law enforcement agencies. Shortly after that BOLO was released, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office contacted the Fort Bragg Police Department and advised that they had contacted that vehicle being driven by a George Mansfield earlier in the morning prior to the vehicle being reported stolen. Mansfield was contacted in the vehicle in response to a report of illegal camping in the area of Virgin Creek Lane.

Having identified the driver of the stolen vehicle and knowing Mansfield to be a transient who frequents the area where the vehicle was stolen, officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department issued an arrest order for Mansfield to accompany the original BOLO for the stolen vehicle.

At approximately 2:02 p.m., officers were once again contacted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office regarding the report. A suspect matching Mansfield's description had been observed trespassing in the area of Lyndon Lane. Accompanied by Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Deputies, an officer from the Fort Bragg Police Department travelled to Lyndon Lane and located Mansfield driving the stolen vehicle. Mansfield was arrested without incident and transported to the Mendocino County Jail. The stolen vehicle was returned to the owner.

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to extend a special thanks to the Mendocino County Sherriff's Office for providing resources and investigative assistance in solving this crime

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