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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Andrew Kendl
Report Number: FG1700945
Date / Time Incident: July 10, 2017 / 1:15 p.m.
Location of Incident: 300 Block Madrone Street
Crime or Incident: 11377 H&S (Possession of controlled substance) 11350 H&S (Possession of controlled substance), 11378 H&S (Possession of Controlled Substance for sales), 11379 H&S (Transporting or Selling Methamphetamine), and 12022.1 (Commit second offense while out on bail)
Victim: State of California
Suspects: Joseph Ballard, 58 year old Male of Fort Bragg
Suzan Malotte, 55 year old Female of Fort Bragg

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On July 10, 2017, Officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 300 block of Madrone Street. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Joseph Ballard and passenger Suzanne Malotte. Malotte had discarded a purse out of the vehicle once it had stopped. K9 Maverick was requested to the scene and conducted a sniff of the discarded purse. K9 Maverick had a positive alert on the purse for narcotics. A search of the purse revealed 4 hypodermic needles loaded with heroin and a small piece of methamphetamine.

K9 Maverick began an exterior sniff of the vehicle. As K9 Maverick sniffed the driver side door, he immediately alerted on the vehicle, indicating there was an illegal substance inside. A search of the vehicle revealed one pound of suspected methamphetamine that was located behind the driver's seat. The suspected methamphetamine was seized and Ballard was subsequently arrested and transported to the Mendocino County Jail for 11378 H&S (Possession of Controlled Substance for sales), 11379 H&S (Transporting or Selling Methamphetamine), and 12022.1 (Commit second offense while out on bail). Malotte was arrested, booked, cited and released for 11377 H&S (Possession of controlled substance), and 11350 H&S (Possession of controlled substance)

Ballard was arrested on June 27, 2017 by Fort Bragg Police Officers after a traffic stop. An exterior sniff of the vehicle was conducted by K9 Maverick who alerted on the vehicle. A search was completed and 22 grams of suspected Methamphetamine was located. Ballard was transported to Mendocino County Jail. Later that same day, Ballard bailed out of jail.

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