



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **\*PRESS RELEASE\***

**Releasing Officer:** Officer Thomas N. O'Neal  
**Report Number:** FG1701208  
**Date / Time Incident:** September 4, 2017 / 12:05 a.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 660 S Main Street (Safeway)  
**Crime or Incident:** 417(a)(1) PC – Exhibiting a Deadly Weapon, 242 PC – Assault, 594(b)(1) PC – Vandalism, 1203.2 PC – Violation of Probation  
**Victim(s):** Multiple  
**Suspect:** Andrew Hurtado – 18 years old, Nickolas Wade – 19 years old, other suspects not yet identified

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On September 4, 2017, at approximately 12:05 a.m., officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to Safeway for the report of an in-progress physical altercation between multiple suspects. When officers arrived on scene approximately two minutes later, the initial reporting party was able to direct officers to two of the fleeing suspects in the 500 Block of S. Franklin Street. Officers contacted Andrew Hurtado and Nickolas Wade, both known members of the Norteño criminal street gang.

While interviewing Hurtado and Wade, officers located two knives discarded in the area where both suspects were initially observed. A records check showed that both Hurtado and Wade are on summary probation out of Mendocino County with a court ordered term that they not to associate with known criminal street gang members. Based on the clear violation of both suspects' court ordered probation, Hurtado and Wade were placed under arrest. Both suspects were cited and released for misdemeanor violations of their probation.

During the course of the initial investigation, officers obtained multiple witness statements which detailed a suspected physical altercation between members of the Norteño criminal street gang and members of the Sureño criminal street gang in the Safeway parking lot. During that altercation at least one vehicle was damaged and it is reported that weapons other than firearms may have been brandished. The investigation did not directly yield evidence connecting these crimes to these suspects.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information related to the above incident may contact Officer O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 167 or on our anonymous Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

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