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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1701394
Date / Time Incident: October 11, 2017 / 5:20 p.m.
Location of Incident: 721 River Drive (North Coast Family Health Center)
Crime or Incident: Suicide
Victim(s): Name withheld

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On October 11, 2017, at approximately 5:20p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police department were dispatched to 721 River Drive (North Coast Family Health Center) for the report of a male subject inside the health care facility lobby with a rifle. Initial reports indicated the male subject was inside the health care facility lobby, and had discharged the firearm.

Officers responded in a tactical manner prepared for what was initially perceived as a potential active shooter situation. Upon approach to the front of the facility, officers discovered several health care and EMS workers standing over a deceased male subject lying in front of the entrance. The male subject was determined to have discharged a single gunshot at himself, causing no other injury or damage.

Eyewitnesses to the incident confirmed that the male victim had carried a scoped rifle to the front of the facility, sat down, and discharged one round. Witness statements indicated that the male victim had not directly threatened any other lives or property prior to sitting down and discharging one round.

The male victim was determined deceased at scene due to one self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is requesting that any witnesses who may have been in the area at the time of the incident, or witnessed any suspicious activity in the area leading up to the incident, contact Officer Thomas O'Neal at 707-961-2800 ext.167.

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