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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A McLaughlin
Report Number: FG1701530
Date / Time Incident: November 5, 2017 / 2:09 p.m.
Location of Incident: 100 Block of Park Street
Crime or Incident: 10851(a) VC Vehicle Theft, 777(a)(2) PC Violation of Juvenile Probation
Suspects: Juvenile, 17 years of age, Fort Bragg, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On November 5, 2017, at approximately 2:09 p.m., Officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the 100 block of Park Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival Officers contacted the reporting party as well as a witness to the incident. A "be on the lookout" (B.O.L.O.) was broadcast to the surrounding coastal agencies and the area was searched but the vehicle could not be immediately located.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Cedar Street where a friend of the victim had located the vehicle. Officers responded, processed and recovered the vehicle. The surrounding area was checked but Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Based on the description provided by the witness as well as information from other active cases, Officers were able to identify a juvenile suspect. It was determined the suspect was on active formal probation and was required to wear a GPS (Global Positioning System) equipped ankle. A request was placed with probation for the tracking information within the time frame of this incident.

On November 6, 2017, Officers received the tracking information and determined the juvenile suspect was at the scene of the crime during the time frame when the vehicle theft occurred and in the area where the vehicle was found abandoned shortly after.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., Officers responded to the juvenile's residence where he was taken into custody for the above listed charges without incident. He was booked and transported to the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707) 961-2800 or our anonymous Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

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