



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**Releasing Officer:** Officer Thomas N. O'Neal  
**Crime or Incident:** High-Risk Sex Offender Update  
**Suspect(s):** Michael Trapper (AKA Michael Lawson), 33 years old

#### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On November 16, 2017, the Fort Bragg Police Department notified the community that Michael Trapper, a High-Risk Sex Offender, had registered as a new sex offender registrant in the Fort Bragg Police Department's jurisdiction. That original notification is attached to this release.

On November 11, 2017, using information provided by citizens within the community, the Fort Bragg Police Department identified Trapper as allegedly being in violation of his registration requirements according to Section 290.018 of the Penal Code. The Fort Bragg Police Department initiated an investigation and Trapper was ultimately located and arrested for those violations.

On December 22, 2017, the Fort Bragg Police Department was notified that Trapper had moved out of the Fort Bragg area and had registered as a sex offender in another community.

This Press Release is for informational purposes only and is meant to notify the public that a high-risk sex offender has moved out of our jurisdiction. Despite moving out of the Fort Bragg area, Michael Trapper is still legally able to visit the area. Any information regarding Trapper living in or moving into the Fort Bragg area may be forwarded to Officer O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 167 or to [toneal@fortbragg.com](mailto:toneal@fortbragg.com). Anonymous tips may be left at the Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

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# Public Notification of High-Risk Sex Offender

Sent: 2017-11-16 @ 11:09

Case: FR1700016

Author: T. O'Neal

NIC #

Last Name Lawson

First Name Michael

Nickname

Alias Michael Trapper

Age 33

Gender Male

Height 6'04"

Weight 210

Eyes Hazel

Hair Brown

Complexion Light

Race White

BirthDate

Last Contact

Marks



Michael Lawson (AKA Michael Trapper) recently registered with the Fort Bragg Police Department as a new registered sex offender moving into the area. After reviewing Lawson's criminal history, the circumstances surrounding his original registrant conviction, and other applicable factors, the Fort Bragg Police Department has determined that Lawson represents an increased risk to the community.

Lawson is 6'04" and last had an approximately shoulder-length long ponytail when he last registered. Lawson is registered as a transient with no permanent address.

Lawson's out-of-state convictions from Illinois requiring that he register under Section 290 of the California Penal Code include:

Two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse Against Children described in Section 720 Article 12C of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

This flier is not an arrest warrant or notice of criminal investigation. This flier is issued for informational purposes only and is meant to notify the public of a high-risk sex offender moving into the community. Any questions regarding this flier can be directed to the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707) 961-2800.

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