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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number: FG1800025
Date / Time Incident: January 5, 2018 / 12:01 p.m.
Location of Incident: 700 Block of S. Main Street
Crime or Incident: 21310 PC (Possession of Dirk or Dagger), 11377(a) HS (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 11364(a) HS (Possession of Paraphernalia)
Suspects: Alan Dicello (23 years of age) of Fort Bragg
Victims: State of California

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On January 5, 2018, an Officer of the Fort Bragg Police Department conducted a bicycle stop on Alan Dicello in order to question his involvement in a bicycle theft from late 2017. During the bicycle stop, the Officer noted that Dicello was in possession of a children's size aluminum baseball bat. While conducting a pat search for additional weapons the Officer located a "punch knife" (see photo) in the suspect's back pants pocket. The knife was positioned in a manner where it was concealed but able to be quickly retrieved and utilized in violation of 21310 PC (Possession of Concealed Dirk or Dagger).

Dicello was arrested for the violation and a search incident to arrest, of Dicello's person and backpack led to the discovery of a glass methamphetamine pipe and a small amount of suspected crystal methamphetamine. The additional charges were added to Dicello's arrest, and he was booked, cited and released with a notice to appear.

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to encourage the public to review Section 21310 of the California Penal Code. In summary, this statute prohibits the concealed carry of fixed-blade knives in general. The concept behind the statute is that concealed knives which can be easily produced and quickly used as a stabbing weapon, represent a greater threat to the public in general. This statute does not prohibit fixed-blade knives openly displayed or concealed folding knives as long as the blade is not open and locked into position.

Questions about this case or press release may be directed to Officer Thomas N. O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 167 or to toneal@fortbragg.com.



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