



## ***FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Jonathan A McLaughlin  
**Report Number:** FG1800096  
**Date / Time Incident:** January 19, 2018 / 1:04 a.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 700 N. Franklin Street  
**Crime or Incident:** Burglary (459 PC)  
**Suspects:** Elias Rutherford, 29 years of age, Fort Bragg CA  
**Victims:** Fort Bragg Animal Hospital

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On January 19, 2018 at approximately 1:04 a.m. Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to an audible alarm at 700 N. Franklin Street (Fort Bragg Animal Hospital).

Upon arrival, Officers located a suspect, later identified as Elias Rutherford, exiting the bushes on the south side of the business. Rutherford was detained and an investigation ensued.

During the course of the investigation, Officers located a broken window on the south side of the business where Rutherford had been seen previously. Rutherford was also determined to be in possession of property belonging to the business and have injuries consistent with climbing through the broken window.

Rutherford was subsequently taken into custody and charged with 459 of the California Penal Code (Burglary). He was later transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

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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