



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**Releasing Officer:** Officer Thomas N. O'Neal  
**Report Number:** FQ1800153  
**Date / Time Incident:** January 30, 2018 / 5:40 p.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 100 Block of S. Harold Street  
**Crime or Incident:** 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence +0.08% BAC), 23154 VC (DUI while on DUI Probation)  
**Suspects:** Patrick Branin (69 years old of Fort Bragg)  
**Victims:** State of California

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On January 30, 2018 at approximately 5:40 p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department received an anonymous report of a suspected drunk driver in route to the area of Columbi's Market. As Officers responded to the scene, the reporting party and the Fort Bragg Police Department Dispatch Center were able to identify the driver as 69 year old Patrick Branin. Officers were additionally informed that Branin had a suspended California Driver's License and was on Driving Under the Influence (DUI) probation.

Officers located Branin operating his vehicle in the 100 Block of S. Harold Street. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted and Branin displayed obvious symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. With Branin's DUI probation prohibiting Branin from operating a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in his system, Branin was arrested and transported to the Fort Bragg Police Department. Branin's vehicle was towed and stored.

Once at the Fort Bragg Police Department, Branin provided several breath samples with one sample showing a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.23%. Additional charges were added to Branin's booking and he was transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to thank the member of the public who provided information related to Branin driving intoxicated. With the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimating that drunk driving accounts for over 10,000 vehicle related fatalities a year, the public is encouraged to report all suspected drunk or impaired drivers. Providing a vehicle description, direction of travel, and full or partial license plates for suspected drunk drivers can be vital in assisting law enforcement Officers with combatting this deadly trend. Suspected drunk drivers should be reported to 911.

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