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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Brandon McGregor
Report Number: FG1800377
Date / Time Incident: March 13, 2018 / 5:55 a.m.
Location of Incident: Calvary Chapel (900 N. Main Street)
Crime or Incident: 459 (Burglary), 594(a)(1) PC (Vandalism),
422.7(b) (Hate Crime)
Victim: Calvary Chapel Church
Suspect: Dylan Morris (25 years old) of Fort Bragg

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On March 13, 2018 at approximately 5:55 a.m. Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to 900 N. Main Street, (Calvary Chapel Church) for a report of burglary and vandalism. The reporting party advised they believed the suspect may still be inside the building, due to finding an interior door barricaded. Officers arrived and immediately began a tactical sweep of the building interior however; no suspect was located inside. Officers then began processing the crime scene, and discovered that the suspect had somehow gained entry to the church and discharged numerous fire extinguishers throughout the church, covering the interior and expensive office equipment with destructive fire retardant powder. Several ceiling tiles were damaged and broken, as well as water and cases of soda being poured on the chairs, floors, and walls of the sanctuary.

Based on reports of a verbal altercation occurring the previous evening, where Morris burst into a clergy member's home, law enforcement and clergy had reason to believe that Morris had reasonable motive to commit the acts against the place of worship. Morris was a former church member, and well known to the clergy and their families. Morris was later located and interviewed. Based on supporting evidence, and Morris' admission to unlawfully entering and vandalizing the church property, Morris was arrested and transported to the Mendocino County Jail in Ukiah, CA where he awaits arraignment.

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