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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Thomas N. O'Neal
Report Number: FG1800482
Date / Time Incident: April 2, 2018 / 2:10 p.m.
Location of Incident: 300 Block of N. Franklin Street
Crime or Incident: 69 PC (Resist Arrest with Force), Warrant Arrest
Victim: State of California
Suspect: Miguel Estrella (36 years old of Fort Bragg)

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On April 2, 2018, an Officer of the Fort Bragg Police Department observed Miguel Estrella in the 300 Block of N. Franklin Street. Knowing Estrella to have a local arrest warrant related to Domestic Violence, the Officer attempted contact with Estrella in an attempt to effect an arrest. Estrella immediately resisted arrest and fled westbound into an alleyway before stopping to confront the Officer. Despite the Officer displaying his TASER and providing multiple verbal commands, Estrella continued to resist arrest and fled eastbound back onto the 300 Block of N. Franklin Street.

Once back onto N. Franklin Street, another Officer joined in the attempt to arrest Estrella. Estrella continued to resist Officers' attempts to verbally deescalate the situation and again fled northbound. Officers were able to apprehend Estrella near the intersection of N. Franklin Street and E. Laurel Street. During the apprehension and arrest, an Officer and Estrella sustained minor injuries which did not require medical attention. Estrella was eventually transported to the Mendocino County Jail for the original arrest warrant charges along with new additional charges related to resisting arrest.

The Fort Bragg Police Department encourages any citizens who may have witnessed the incident to contact Sergeant Lopez at (707) 961-2800 ext. 168. The Police Department would additionally like to thank the unidentified citizen who attempted to assist with verbally deescalating the suspect throughout this altercation. Questions about this press release may be directed to Officer O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 167 or at toneal@fortbragg.com.

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