



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Thomas O'Neal  
**Date/Time of Incident:** January 12, 2019 / 2:50 p.m.  
**Location of Incident:** Intersection of Pine Street and N. Main Street  
**Crime or Incident:** Driving Under the Influence and Hit-and-Run Collision  
**Victim(s):** State of California, Name Withheld  
**Suspects:** Shelly Azmi (49 years old of Fort Bragg)

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On January 12, 2019, at approximately 2:50 p.m., Officers were providing scene security and traffic control for the structure fire at Chapel by the Sea when they were diverted for a hit-and-run collision in the intersection of Pine Street and N. Main Street. Due to Officers being delayed in their response due to the structure fire, Officers from the California Highway Patrol located and detained the suspect driver at her residence.

When Officers arrived on scene, they contacted multiple witnesses who identified Shelly Azmi as the driver of the suspect vehicle. Azmi had collided with another vehicle on N. Main Street, and then fled the area to her residence on W. Bush Street. The collision caused moderate damage to both Azmi's vehicle and the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported related to the collision. When Azmi was contacted by Fort Bragg Police Officers, she displayed suspected symptoms of alcohol/drug intoxication and she was initially placed under arrest for 20002 CVC (Hit-and-Run Collision). While secured in the back of a patrol vehicle, Azmi attempted to kick out the back bars of the vehicle while also striking her head against the interior of the vehicle. After repeated warnings, Azmi was removed from the patrol vehicle and secured in an additional restraint device for her safety.

Once Azmi was secured in additional restraints, she was immediately transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital Emergency Room to be medically cleared for incarceration in the Mendocino County Jail. During the medical clearance process, Emergency Room staff placed Azmi on a medical hold for her safety while declining to clear her for incarceration. While on that medical hold, Officers obtained a search warrant for a forced blood draw in order to determine the presence of drugs and or alcohol in Azmi's system at the time of the collision. That blood sample has been forwarded to a Department of Justice laboratory for processing. Charges of 20002 CVC (Hit-and-Run Collision) will be forwarded to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office pending the results from the Department of Justice.

Questions regarding this press release may be forwarded to Sergeant O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 120 or to [toneal@fortbragg.com](mailto:toneal@fortbragg.com).

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