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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A McLaughlin
Case Number: FG1900181, FA1900181, FQ1900181
Date/Time of Incident: February 24, 2019 / 4:45 a.m.
Location of Incident: 300 Block of Cypress Street, Georgia Pacific Mill Site, 1 Noyo Coastal Trail, 1000 Block of Glass Beach Drive
Crime or Incident: 10851 CVC (Vehicle Theft), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), 23152 (a)/(b) (DUI w/ 0.8 or greater BAC), 20002 VC (Hit and Run)
Suspect: Nicholas Scarberry, 39 years of age, of Laytonville, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On February 24, 2019 at approximately 4:45 a.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the Pudding Creek trestle located in the 1000 block of Glass Beach Drive for a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, Officers discovered a white Chevrolet Silverado had collided with a rock being utilized as a barrier between the parking lot and pedestrian walkway, which crosses the trestle. The driver of the vehicle had fled the location.

During their investigation, Officers determined the vehicle had been stolen from the 300 block of Cypress Street earlier in the morning. They also located clothing in the vehicle, which they recognized as belonging to the suspect, later identified as Nicholas Scarberry. While officers continued their investigation, they were advised of a male in the 1100 block of N. Main Street that was looking inside the windows of vehicles and appeared to have been involved in a traffic collision.

Officers responded and contacted Nicholas Scarberry. The Officers' investigation placed Scarberry in the car as the driver. Scarberry was placed under arrest for vehicle theft, and hit and run. Due to injuries sustained during the collision, Scarberry was transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital for treatment. While at the hospital, field sobriety tests were conducted. It was determined Scarberry had been operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. Scarberry was booked and 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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