



## ***FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Thomas O'Neal  
**Date/Time of Incident:** February 27, 2019 / 2:09 p.m.  
**Location of Incident:** 900 Block of N. Main Street  
**Crime or Incident:** Driving Under the Influence with Collision  
**Victim(s):** State of California, United Parcel Service (UPS)  
**Suspects:** Herbert Engel (75 years old of Fort Bragg)

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On February 27, 2019, at approximately 2:09 p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the area of the 900 block of N. Main Street, for an on-duty California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer reporting that they had observed a collision in the intersection of N. Main Street and Elm Street.

On scene, Officers determined that Herbert Engel was driving northbound on N. Main Street when he failed to stop at a red light at the intersection of Elm Street. Engel entered the intersection despite the red light and narrowly missed a CHP Officer who was waiting to turn, before colliding with a UPS truck, which was turning northbound onto N. Main Street from E. Elm Street. The collision caused minor damage to the UPS truck and major damage to Engel's vehicle. No parties were injured during the collision.

While completing the traffic investigation, Officers identified evidence that Engel was under the influence of alcohol, including the presence of open containers of alcohol in his vehicle. Field Sobriety Tests were conducted and Engel was ultimately arrested for 23152(a) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol).

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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