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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Joseph Shaw
Case Number: FG1900541
Date/Time of Incident: June 3, 2019/ 5:15 PM
Location of Incident: 600 block Espey Way,
Crime or Incident: 459 PC Burglary
12011.1 PC Violation of OR terms
Suspect: Miranda Ellingwood, 36 years old, Female

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On June 3, 2019, at approximately 5:15 PM, Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to the 600 block of Espey Way, for the report of a residential burglary at the location. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the victim, who stated that she had just chased the suspect out of the backyard of the location. On scene Officers requested additional units for a search of the area. Officers conducted an initial search of the surrounding neighborhood; however, the suspect was not located at that time. Officers processed the scene for evidence and located several items left at the scene with the name of the suspect on them. Those items were collected as evidence along with other items left by the suspect.

It appears that the suspect may have spent a significant amount of time inside the residence, while the victim was away at work. The suspect ransacked the residence and several items were unaccounted for at the time of the initial report. After processing the scene, Officers again conducted a search of the area, but were still unable to locate the suspect. It was later learned that some of the items believed to have been taken, were still at the location.

At approximately 6:45 PM, Fort Bragg Police Dispatch, received a 911 call from the victim, stating the suspect had returned and was inside the residence. Officers responded back to the location and located the suspect attempting to hide in a bedroom at the location. Officers were able to quickly apprehend the suspect and take her into custody without issue. The suspect was transported to the Fort Bragg Police Department, where she was processed for booking. During this process, Officers discovered that the suspect was recently released from the Mendocino County Jail on terms of Own Recognizance (OR), for a burglary in the County. Additional charges for violation of the OR terms were added and the suspect was then transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

Questions regarding this press release or information related to the case may be forwarded to Officer Shaw at (707) 961-2800 ext. 181 or e-mailed to ishaw@fortbragg.com. Anonymous tips may be left on the Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

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