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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Chief Fabian Lizarraga
Case Number: FG1900675
Date/Time of Incident: July 9, 2019 / 9:45 p.m.
Location of Incident: 400 Block N. Whipple Street.
Crime or Incident: 246 PC - Discharge of Firearm at an Inhabited Dwelling

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On July 9, 2019, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to multiple reports of gunshots being heard in the area of the 400 Block of N. Whipple Street. While in route to the location, Officers were advised of one subject, wearing a black hoodie, seen running from the area in the alley East of the 400 Block of N. Whipple. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the subject seen.

The Officers' investigation revealed that at least two rounds had struck a multi-apartment structure at 451 N. Whipple. There were no persons injured during this incident. Officers did recover evidence in and around the location which will be processed by the Department of Justice for analysis.

Shortly after midnight, there were reports of additional shots fired in the same area. Officers were in the area and responded immediately but no subjects were seen. Witnesses again indicated they had seen a subject fleeing on foot shortly after hearing the shots. Officers did recover some items of evidentiary value that were not there the first time the Officers searched the area. There was no evidence found of additional rounds striking a structure.

Officers canvassed the entire area but could not locate the subject described or any additional suspects. Officers contacted witnesses in the area and obtained their statements. The motive for the shootings is unknown, however, it is being investigated as a gang related crime. These incidents resulted in property damage only and there is no evidence that anyone was injured.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is fully committed to aggressively resolving these cases and has a zero tolerance position on gang activity in our town. The community can expect to see an increased police presence as we work to resolve these cases and prevent further incidents. Anyone with information regarding this incident may contact Officer Chris Awad at (707) 961-2800 ext. 180, Officer Angie Wilder at (707) 961-2800, ext. 166, or the Fort Bragg Police Department (Anonymous) Crime Tip Hotline at (707) 961-3049.

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