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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Thomas N. O'Neal
Case Number: FG1901062
Date/Time of Incident: October 10, 2019/11:03 p.m.
Location of Incident: South Coastal Trail Restrooms
Crime or Incident: 261 PC (Rape by Force) / 236 PC (False Imprisonment)
Suspect: Vincent Galvan, 32 year old male/Transient, Colorado
Victim: Name Withheld, 21 year old female, Gualala

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On October 10, 2019 at approximately 11:03 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital Emergency Room for the report of a female sexual assault victim. Officers conducted a preliminary interview with the female victim who stated she had been sexually assaulted in the restrooms on the South Coastal Trail. The Officers learned that the victim had known the suspect, Vincent Galvan, for several months intermittently. During the day prior to the assault, Galvan and the victim had been together several hours before deciding to camp in the restrooms for the evening. The alleged sexual assault occurred while both parties were camping in the restroom, and the victim was able to fight off her attacker and escape.

Officers responded to the South Coastal Trail and discovered that the suspect had locked himself inside the restroom. Officers worked along with City of Fort Bragg Public Works in order to access the suspect safely. Once Officers gained access to the restroom, the suspect failed to obey Officers' verbal commands and he had to be forcefully extracted. The suspect received minor injuries during the arrest.

The suspect was transported to Mendocino County Jail on several charges including those listed above. All indications are that this was an isolated incident and our investigation is continuing.

Questions regarding this press release or information related to the case may be forwarded to Sergeant O'Neal at (707) 961-2800 ext. 120 or e-mailed to toneal@fortbragg.com.

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