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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Lieutenant John Naulty
Report Number: FG1201770
Date / Time Incident: December 15, 2012, 9:10 p.m.
Location of Incident: 500 N Harold St.
Crime or Incident: 459 PC Burglary
Victim: Fort Bragg Middle School Music Department
Suspect: Charles Wall, 61 years old, Fort Bragg

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On December 18, 2012 at approximately 7:18 a.m., Fort Bragg Officer Christopher Awad was sent to the Fort Bragg Middle School for a reported theft over the weekend. Fort Bragg Middle School Music Department reported a theft of \$2,000 Baritone saxophone. Fort Bragg Middle School surveillance footage revealed a male taking the saxophone out of the school and hiding it on the school grounds. The next day the same person is seen returning to the Middle School and taking the instrument off the school grounds.

A teacher believed the suspect, in the video, to be Charles Wall. Officer Awad viewed the video and also believed the suspect was Wall from his previous contacts with Wall. Officer Awad continually attempted to contact Wall at his residence leaving messages for him to call; however for several days Wall evaded Officer Awad.

December 24, 2012, Wall contacted Officer Awad stating he was out of town but had the saxophone in his apartment. Wall told Officer Awad a friend was going to retrieve it for him and bring it to the police station. At about 1:00 p.m. Officer Awad recovered the stolen saxophone.

The success of this recovered saxophone is the officer's ongoing investigation. Lieutenant Naulty stated, "If it were not for Officer Awad's persistence and hard work who knows if we ever would have recovered the property."

This case has been sent to the Mendocino County District Attorney for review of burglary and possession of stolen property charges against Wall.

See Photo Below



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