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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Officer Chris Awad
Report Number: FG1901076
Date / Time: October 13, 2019 4:50 P.M.
Location of Incident: 200 Block of N. Franklin Street
Crime or Incident: Mental Health (5150 W&I)
Victim: 41 year old female of Fort Bragg

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On October 13, 2019, while on regular patrol, an officer of the Fort Bragg Police Department observed a white sport utility vehicle parked in the 200 block of N. Franklin Street, occupied by one female driver. The female was honking the vehicle horn excessively. The officer attempted to make contact with the female to check her condition, and observed an opened alcoholic beverage sitting in the front console of the vehicle.

The female refused to exit the vehicle, rolled the windows up, and locked the door. Once a second police unit arrived, officers were able to identify the female, and began contacting family members, who advised the officers that the female suffered from a mental health condition, and she may be in crisis.

As officers were obtaining further information from the family, the female drove away from the location. Officers began following the vehicle in an attempt to get it stopped. With emergency lights and siren activated, the female driver refused to yield to officers. A short, slow speed pursuit then ensued for several city blocks.

The female then pulled the vehicle into a driveway, where officers were able to block the vehicle in. Officers again attempted contact with the female, who continued to ignore their requests to exit the vehicle. The female then reversed the vehicle, and attempted to leave the driveway, colliding with a parked police vehicle. A short struggle with the female ensued, and officers were able to remove her from the vehicle. The female was detained at that time. An ambulance in the area stopped to render treatment to the female for

some small cuts and scratches as a result of the struggle. The two officers involved also sustained minor injuries that did not require treatment.

As officers began interviewing the female, it was determined that she was experiencing a mental health crisis, and was unaware of any of the events leading up to the detainment. The female was taken to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, where she was released to Mendocino County Mental Health for further treatment.

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