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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A McLaughlin
Report Number: FG2000715
Date / Time: June 21, 2020 / 1:54 p.m.
Location of Incident: 1004 S Main Street
Crime or Incident: 647.6 (a) (1) PC (Misdemeanor)
Suspect: Shawn Bias, 34 Years of Age Fort Bragg CA
Victim: 13 year old female (Withheld)

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On January 21 2020, Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department responded to a report of a possible attempted child abduction that had occurred at the Arco Fuel Station (1004 S Main Street).

Officers met with the reporting party and victim at the Fort Bragg Police Department. During the investigation it was determined an adult male had approached the front passenger side window of the vehicle the victim was seated in. Once there the suspect made an offer to the victim, a 13 year old female, "to party". A parent seated in the rear of the vehicle overheard the comment and exited confronted the suspect. Once confronted by the parents the suspect fled the location. A description of the suspect was provided to the investigating Officer and based on that description a "be on the lookout" was issued for Shawn Bias of Fort Bragg.

During a search of the area Officers were informed Bias was currently in the area of Whipple and Maple Streets. Officers responded and located Bias. Bias was interviewed and an infield show up for identification was performed. During the infield show up Bias was positively identified as the suspect by a parent of the victim.

Bias was placed under arrest for 647.6 (a) (1) of the California Penal Code, annoying a child, and transported to the booking facility at the Fort Bragg Police Department. During his arrest it was determined Bias was in mental crisis. He was booked and then transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital where he was cited and placed on a mental health hold per 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. He was released to the care of a mental health professional.

If you have information related to this investigation please contact Sergeant McLaughlin at (707) 961-2800 ext. 123 or jmclaughlin@fortbragg.com.

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