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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Scott J. Mayberry, Chief of Police
Report Number: FG1300371
Date / Time Incident: April 26, 2013 / 7:33 p.m.
Location of Incident: 500 Block S. Main Street
Crime or Incident: Possession of Stolen Property, Violation of Probation
Victim: State of California
Suspect: Ricky Faustino Santos, 29 years old, Fort Bragg

*******Updated Press Release from March 15, 2013*******

CIRCUMSTANCES: On March 15, 2013 Officers Awad and McLaughlin made a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 1100 block of South Main Street. During the stop several stolen firearms were located inside the vehicle. The theft occurred at the storage facility located at 1260 North Main Street, Fort Bragg.

Once the firearms were removed from the vehicle they were placed into the evidence locker at the Fort Bragg Police Department and Police Service Technician (PST) Leinen was called upon to attempt to remove fingerprints from the gun cases. After the process was completed latent prints were found and lifted from the cases. These prints were then forwarded to the Department of Justice, Eureka, California for comparison and to determine if any other persons(s) may be involved with this burglary.

On April 17, 2013, Officer Awad received a report back from the Department of Justice that in fact a thumb print and ring finger print removed from the cases were identified. The match was confirmed to be that of Rick Faustino Santos, 29 years of age from Fort Bragg.

This information was submitted to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office and after review of the report a warrant was issued for Santos for possession of stolen property. Also during this investigation Santos was found to be on Summary Probation out of Stanislaus County for a narcotic offense.

On April 26, 2013 at 7:33 p.m., Officer McLaughlin located Santos in the 500 block of North Main Street and he was arrested for the outstanding warrant and violation of his probation.

“I think the members of this community should be extremely proud of the proactive enforcement shown in this case. If it had not been for their teamwork others would not have been held accountable for their actions, and these assault type weapons would have ended up on some community's streets.”

Santos was transported to the Fort Bragg Police Department for booking, and then later transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

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