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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Chief Fabian Lizarraga
Date of Incident: October 5, 2018
Location of Incident: City of Fort Bragg
Crime or Incident: See Below
Victim(s): State State of California
Suspects: See Below

CIRCUMSTANCES:

In recent months, there had been an uptick in gang graffiti in town, coinciding with the release from prison of a couple of known and established gang members. In response to this, and our No Tolerance stance on gang activity, we reached out to our partners in the Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit (MAGSU) for assistance in conducting a Parole and Probation compliance check on several individuals residing in and around our town.

On Friday, October 5, 2018 members of the Mendocino County D.A. and Sheriff's Offices, Agents from State Parole and County Probation teamed up with the Fort Bragg Police Department to conduct these compliance checks. The MAGSU team conducted searches at 8 locations within the City or immediate area of Fort Bragg, resulting in the arrest of 5 people. One of those was a juvenile with an arrest warrant, and an adult female was arrested and cited out. MCSO Deputy Moore was the lead Investigator on the gang operation. The following is a list of contacts resulting in arrests:

At about 7:00pm, Alejandro Grijalba and his girlfriend, Stefani Smith, were detained per a Parole Search at their residence in the 200 block of South Franklin Street in Fort Bragg. A subsequent search of the location per parole revealed methamphetamine and paraphernalia at a hidden location. Grijalba was arrested for 11377(a) HS (Possession of Controlled Substance), 11364 HS (Paraphernalia) and 3056 PC, violation of Parole. Smith was arrested for 11377(a) HS and 11364 HS and was cited and released.

At about 3:00pm, MAGSU was on patrol in the 600 block of South Franklin Street, when Alfredo Chi was observed walking southbound on the street, wearing gang clothing, in violation of his parole terms. A pedestrian stop was conducted and Chi was not cooperative with law enforcement. Chi was placed under arrest for violation of parole.

While MAGSU was placing Chi into a patrol vehicle, a Parole Agent observed Harry Mila drive by as a passenger in a vehicle. The parole agent directed the driver to stop and he complied. Mila was searched and a subsequent investigation determined Mila was in the presence of a documented criminal street gang member, in violation of the terms of his parole. Mila was placed under arrest for violation of parole.

A probation search was conducted in the 31000 block of Highway 20 in Fort Bragg, where a juvenile probationer was located and found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody.

Probation and Parole searches were conducted at several other residences and the probationers and parolees were found to be in compliance with their terms.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is committed to the safety of those within the City of Fort Bragg and will conduct future operations to deter criminal gang activity within our community. We have maintained a partnership with allied agencies through the Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit of Mendocino County to assist with future gang issues that may arise.



Chi

Grijalba

Mila

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