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## **\*\*MEDIA RELEASE\*\***

### **DUI Investigation Leads to Pursuit, Arrest of Attempt Homicide Suspect 07/06/2024**

On July 5, 2024 at approximately 10:16 PM, Fort Bragg police officers were proactively patrolling the area of Pomo Bluffs Park, when they contacted three subjects in a vehicle. The driver displayed indicators of driving under the influence of alcohol and officers initiated a DUI investigation. Prior exiting, the driver, later identified as Nathan Hoaglin, 21, of Clearlake, fled in the vehicle.

Officers initiated a vehicle pursuit, which went south on Highway 1 for approximately ten minutes and ended near Lansing St in the town of Mendocino, where Hoaglin lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a stationary traffic device on the Jack Peters Creek Bridge, then into an oncoming vehicle. All three occupants fled on foot.

Deputies from Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, already in the area to assist in the pursuit, searched Mendocino for the rest of the night. They located Hoaglin in the 45000 block of Main Street in Mendocino and arrested him. Deputies continued to search Mendocino and later located the passengers, Diego Ceja Sandoval, 19, of Ukiah and a 16 year-old male juvenile of Coyote Valley. Both passengers were also arrested.

While searching their vehicle, officers located a loaded unregistered handgun with a high capacity magazine.

During the investigation, officers learned Hoaglin was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and had a felony warrant for 664/187PC - Attempt Homicide and 186.22 PC - Participation in a Criminal Street Gang, for an incident in Santa Rosa. Hoaglin was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the warrants, and new charges of 28002.(a) VC-Evading a Peace Officer; 273(a) PC-Child Endangerment; 182(a)(1) PC- Conspiracy to Commit a Felony; 25850(a) PC - Carry Loaded Firearm in Public; 25400(a)(1) PC-Carry Concealed Firearm in Vehicle with Prior Conviction; 29800(a)(1) PC - Felon in Possession of a Firearm. All are felonies. Hoaglin was also booked for 20002 VC - Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a misdemeanor.

Sandoval was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on the charges of 25850(a) PC – Carry a Loaded Firearm in Public; 182(a)(1) PC-Conspiracy to Commit a Felony; and 148(a)(1) PC – Resist/Obstruct/Delay Arrest. The first two charges are felonies and the third is a misdemeanor.

The juvenile passenger was booked into Mendocino County Juvenile Detention Center on the charges of 25850(a) PC-Carry Loaded Firearm in Public; and 182(a)(1) PC-Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, both felonies. He was also booked on misdemeanor charges of 148(a)(1) PC-Resist/Obstruct/Delay Arrest and 647(f) PC-Public Intoxication.

Chief Neil Cervenka said, “This was an example of the outstanding partnership we have with the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office and all our allied agencies. Working together as a team, we successfully located and arrested an alleged gang member wanted for attempt homicide, considered armed and dangerous, and recovered an illegal firearm. This started with officers doing good, proactive police work, protecting our community.”

There were no injuries as a result of the vehicle collision and minor damage to the uninvolved vehicle. The suspect vehicle was completely disabled. All three suspects sustained minor injuries from jumping off the Jack Peters Creek Bridge when they were fleeing from officers following the collision. They were all medically cleared prior to booking.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact Sgt De Leon of the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)961-2800 extension 214.



This information is being released by Chief Neil Cervenka. All media inquiries should contact him at [ncervenka@fortbragg.com](mailto:ncervenka@fortbragg.com).

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