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Verbal Altercation Leads to Seizure of Loaded Firearm 09/20/2024

On September 19, 2024 at approximately 7:30 P.M., Fort Bragg police officers were dispatched to a local business for reports of a juvenile being verbally threatened.

During the investigation, the business employees were quick to assist law enforcement, and allowed them to review their surveillance footage. Upon review, officers were able to quickly identify Pedro Guzman-Martinez, 24 of Fort Bragg, and Emmett Williams, 25 of Fort Bragg, as the main instigators of this altercation. Both Guzman-Martinez and Williams left the area in a motor vehicle prior to law enforcement arrival. Based on previous contacts with Guzman-Martinez, officers were aware he is on active formal gang probation out of Mendocino County.

Approximately 30 minutes later, officers located the vehicle involved in this incident and conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation in the 600 block of S. Main Street. While detaining all occupants of the vehicle, Williams attempted to reach into his jacket numerous times, ignoring officers' commands to keep his hands visible. Williams was taken into custody after a brief struggle without injury to him or officers. A search of where Williams was reaching within the vehicle revealed a loaded, unregistered, high capacity handgun concealed inside a fanny-pack.

Williams was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the following charges: 25850(a) PC – Carry Loaded Firearm in Public, 25850(c)(6) PC – Loaded Unregistered Firearm, 25850(c)(3) PC – Gang Member in Possession of a firearm, 32310(a) PC – Possession of a High Capacity Magazine, 25400(a)(1) PC – Carry Concealed Weapon on Person or Vehicle, 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 30305(a)(1) PC – Felon in Possession of Ammunition, 273a(a) PC – Child Endangerment, 415(1) PC – Challenging to Fight in a Public Place, and 148(a)(1) PC – Resisting Arrest.

Guzman-Martinez was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the following charges: 1203.2(a) PC – Violation of Probation, 273a(a) PC – Child Endangerment, and 415(1) PC – Challenging to Fight in a Public Place.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Moore of the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)961-2800 ext 225.



This information is being released by Acting Police Sergeant Frank. All media inquiries should contact him at jfrank@fortbragg.com

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