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PRCS Search Leads to Narcotic Sales Arrest 11/02/2024

On November 2, 2024 at approximately 5:25AM, Fort Bragg Police Officers conducted a traffic stop on a motor vehicle in the 32000 block of SR-20 for a vehicle code violation. During the traffic stop, a records check confirmed the driver, Charles Gielow, 48 of Albion, had two outstanding felony arrest warrants and was on active PRCS (Post Release Community Supervision) out of Mendocino County.

During a search of Gielow, Officers discovered \$1500 in cash in his wallet. A search of Gielow's vehicle revealed brass knuckles, narcotic packaging materials, a digital scale, approximately 50 tablets of Buprenorphine, and 9 Buprenorphine Sublingual Films. As Officers looked further into the vehicle, they discovered a magnetic box affixed to the frame in the engine compartment. Inside the magnetic case officers located 45.01 grams of methamphetamine, 13.40 grams of fentanyl, 6.96 grams of heroin, and 2 oxycodone tablets.

Gielow was questioned, arrested, and booked into the Mendocino County Jail with no bail set for the following charges: 11366.8(A) H&S – Utilizing a false compartment/container to store narcotics (felony), 11378 H&S – Possession of methamphetamine for sale (felony), 11379 H&S – Transportation of methamphetamine for sale (felony), 11351 H&S – Possession of fentanyl for sale (felony), 11352(A) H&S – Transportation of fentanyl for sale, 11364(A) H&S – Possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor), 21810 PC – Possession of brass knuckles (felony), 3455(A) PC – Violation of PRCS (felony), as well as his warrants.

The Fort Bragg Police Department can assist those with substance use disorders into treatment. Please call the Care Response Unit at (707)961-2800 and choose option 6.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Acting Sergeant Frank with the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)961-2800 ext 223 or email at jfrank@fortbragg.com

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