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****MEDIA RELEASE****

Missing Juvenile 12/11/2024

On December 7, 2024, the Fort Bragg Police Department received a request to be on the lookout for a missing juvenile, Roy Mora, 15, of Fort Bragg, who had not returned after attending the Holiday Parade. On December 8, 2024, the juvenile's mother contacted the Fort Bragg Police Department to report the juvenile missing when he still had not returned or contacted friends or family. Roy's mother indicated being gone this long without any contact is completely out of the ordinary and Roy has no history of running away.

Officers immediately requested a location of Roy's cell phone from the provider. The provider indicated the battery on the phone was dead, but the last location on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:03AM was near the railroad yard. Officers and Skunk Train staff searched the entire railyard, buildings, and trains, but did not locate Roy or the cell phone. A search warrant for all phone data was authored and approved, but the provider indicated it would take three to four days to provide the information. Meanwhile, an active locate signal was placed on the phone in the event the battery is charged. At the time of this release, the battery has not received any charge.

Officers interviewed several of Roy's friends who were with him on December 7, 2024 and established a timeline of when he was last seen. They also determined likely areas where Roy may have gone. FBPD and State Parks officers searched those areas in and around Fort Bragg.

An Incident Command was established the morning of December 9, 2024 and a mutual aid request was made to Mendocino County OES. A US Coast Guard helicopter stationed in Humboldt Bay responded the afternoon of December 9, 2024 and thoroughly searched the coastline, bluffs, and headland areas inaccessible by foot. FBPD Officers continued to interview dozens of people who know Roy, established electronic links for the public to provide tips and video surveillance. Officers expanded search areas and contacted businesses for surveillance video in an effort to establish a possible path of travel to direct and coordinate search efforts. FBPD Care Response Unit Social Services Liaisons went to Fort Bragg High School where Roy attended and attempted to gather any information. One CRU member was also assigned as a Family Liaison to Roy's mother.

Originally, there was a rumor in which Roy left in a "tan van". On December 9, 2024 officers interviewed an eye witness who confirmed Roy never got into any vehicle. Additionally, eye witnesses and video surveillance show Roy on foot and alone after the time he allegedly got into the vehicle.

On December 10, 2024, Mendocino County Search and Rescue searched the entire headlands area on foot and with tracking dogs, but did not locate any sign of Roy. FBPD has reviewed dozens of videos and followed up many leads. Additionally, a thorough search of Roy's home was conducted to locate any information about where he may have gone.

The cell phone provider indicated FBPD officers would receive the data requested in the search warrant on December 11, 2024, which may provide more leads.

Currently, we have positively identified Roy in one surveillance video walking south on the Noyo Bridge at approximately 8:30 PM on December 7, 2024. Due to the camera angle and it occurring at night, the video would not have captured Roy walking back north at a later time. It is also possible the original location of the cell phone was incorrect, which will be known when the full cell phone data is received.

Chief Neil Cervenka said, "Finding Roy is our top priority. We have dedicated our staff to following up on every lead and pulling every thread. If anyone in the community knows anything personally, please come forward."

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to thank Mendocino County OES, Mendocino County Search and Rescue, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, California State Parks, California Fish & Wildlife, the US Coast Guard and all of the people in the community who have assisted in this search.

Roy Moura is biologically a female, but identifies as male. He is described as being 5'6" tall with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a dark blue T-shirt with the Mendocino College logo in white writing, denim jeans, and white shoes. Roy may also be wearing a dark blue sweatshirt and round rim glasses.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact FBPD Dispatch with the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)964-0200 or email room-299199@room.veoci.com. If you have photo or video surveillance of Roy from the evening of December 7, 2024 or after, you can direct upload at <https://fortbraggpd.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/findroy>.



This information is being released by Chief Neil Cervenka. For media inquiries, please reach out to him directly at ncervenka@fortbragg.com.

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