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****MEDIA RELEASE****

Flock Camera Alert of Stolen Car Leads to Pursuit, Arrest 08/18/2025

On August 17, 2025 at approximately 12:42 PM, Fort Bragg police officers received an alert from the Flock License Plate Reader camera system regarding a stolen gray Honda sedan. Officers confirmed the vehicle had been reported stolen in Ukiah that morning.

Officers began checking the area and at approximately 12:59 PM located the vehicle leaving the Safeway parking lot. They immediately activated their emergency lights and sirens in an attempt to perform a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Gabriel Chaon, 19 of Ukiah, drove slowly near the curb of Cypress approaching Main St, then suddenly accelerated through a red light, turning south on Main St at a high rate of speed.

Officers pursued Chaon southbound across the Noyo River bridge at a high rate of speed until Chaon lost control of the vehicle attempting to turn onto Boatyard drive. Chaon's vehicle left the west side of the roadway through a grassy area, crossed Oceanview Dr, then overturned. It ended on its roof in the landscaping of the Emerald Dolphin Inn. There was no damage to any structures. The entire pursuit was approximately one-half mile and lasted approximately 30 seconds.

Officers immediately took Chaon into custody and provided aid to him. He complained of pain but had no visible injuries. A search of the stolen vehicle resulted in the recovery of a non-serialized firearm (ghost gun). Furthermore, officers determined Chaon was on probation for auto theft and evading.

Chaon, was arrested and booked into Mendocino County Juvenile Hall on the charges of VC 10851(a) – Vehicle Theft; PC 496D(a) – Possess Stolen Vehicle; VC 2800.2(a) – Felony Evading; PC 24610 – Possession of Undetectable Firearm; and PC 1203.2(a) – Violation of Probation.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Baker of the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)961-2800 ext 226.

This information is being released by Chief Neil Cervenka All media inquiries should contact him at ncervenka@fortbragg.com.

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