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Increased Gang Activity Leads to SWAT Response and Arrest 04/29/2025

On April 29, 2025 at approximately 7:00 AM, the Fort Bragg Police Department, in collaboration with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT teams, executed coordinated search warrants at two known gang-affiliated residences in response to a recent increase in gang-related activity in the region including violence and graffiti.

One of the suspects, Christopher Morgan, 23 of Fort Bragg, was detained without incident in the 300 block of Cypress Street. A subsequent search of his home in the 200 block of E. Chestnut Street, led to the discovery of a loaded, unregistered .38 Special revolver in a location that could have been accessed by a child who also resides in the house. In addition to the firearm, officers also recovered various items of gang clothing, paraphernalia, and electronic evidence further substantiating Morgan's suspected gang involvement. A second location in the 800 block of Myrtle Street was also searched in compliance with a search warrant. No arrests were made at that location.

"This operation was the result of weeks of joint investigation and interagency cooperation aimed at disrupting gang activity threatening the safety of our communities," said Fort Bragg Police Chief Neil Cervenka. "We want to thank our law enforcement partners in our ongoing effort to make Mendocino County safer."

No injuries were reported during the execution of either search warrant. Morgan was arrested and transported to the Mendocino County Jail for the following charges: 242 PC (battery), 422(A) PC (criminal threats), 273A(a) PC (child endangerment likely to cause death), 25100(A) PC (criminal storage of a firearm), 186.26(c) PC (using violence to prevent a person from leaving a criminal street gang), and 186.22(d) PC (participating in a criminal street gang). Officers obtained a bail enhancement for Morgan, raising his bail to \$100,000.00.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional arrests and charges may follow. Authorities urge anyone with information related to gang activity in the area to contact Sergeant Frank with the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707) 961-2800 ext. 223.



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

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