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Two Suspects Arrested in Reported Kidnapping 10/21/2025

On October 20, 2025, at approximately 11:04 p.m., the Fort Bragg Police Department received a report of a possible kidnapping that had just occurred in the 700 block of North Main Street. The reporting party stated that two male suspects forced a female victim into a white sedan before fleeing the area.

Officers immediately issued a "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) for the suspect vehicle and began canvassing the area. Within 9 minutes of the initial call for service, officers located the suspect vehicle parked behind the Fort Bragg Fire Department occupied by both suspects and the female victim. The suspects, Jose Plascencia (25) and Douglas Hance (45), both from Fort Bragg, were detained. The victim was rescued and taken to a safe location nearby.

Through their investigation, officers determined the victim had been forcibly pulled into the vehicle, threatened at gun point, and sexually assaulted.

Additionally, both suspects were determined to be on active probation out of Mendocino County.

Based on the investigation Plascencia was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the following violations: PC 207(a) – Kidnapping, PC 236 – False Imprisonment, PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, PC 1203.2(a) – Probation Violation, PC 220(a)(1) – Assault with Intent to Commit Rape, PC 25850(a) – Possession of a Loaded Firearm, PC 30305(a)(1) – Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person, PC 24610 – Possession of an Illegal Firearm. Hance was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the following violations: PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, PC 207(a) – Kidnapping, PC 236 – False Imprisonment, and PC 1203.2(a) – Probation Violation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Sergeant Frank at (707)961-2800 ext. 223 or email jfrank@fortbraggca.gov.

This information is being released by Commander Jonathan McLaughlin. For media inquiries, please reach out to him directly at jmclaughlin@fortbraggca.gov.



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