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****UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE****

Arrest Made in Sexual Assault

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On June 28, 2025, at approximately 8:00 AM, officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department served two search warrants in the 100 block of S. McPherson Street in relation to an ongoing investigation into a sexual assault that occurred on June 21, 2025.

Upon arrival, Officers made entry into the residence and contacted multiple people inside, including the suspect who was detained and interviewed by the investigating officer.

A search of the residence was also conducted during which officers located and seized several items linking the suspect to this sexual assault investigation, and other cold cases of burglary and prowling currently being investigated by the department.

Based on statements from the suspect, as well as evidence obtained on scene, Cayden Craig, 23 of Fort Bragg, was arrested for violation of PC 261 (a)(2) (Rape), 459 (Burglary), and 236 (False Imprisonment). Craig was booked and transported to the Mendocino County Jail. A bail enhancement was granted, and his bail is currently set at \$1,000,000.

Officers will continue to follow up on any additional information as this investigation moves forward. If you need to report a crime, or would like to speak with an officer, please contact us at **(707) 964-0200 or 911 for emergencies**.

Chief Neil Cervenka said, "I am incredibly proud of the dedication and tenacity of our officers on this investigation. While they started with only a brief video of a masked subject, over the course of one week they chased every lead, conducted surveillance, obtained search warrants, located direct evidence to several crimes, and made an arrest of the person suspected of a violent crime. Demonstrating they are committed to the safety of our community."

The community portal related to this investigation will remain open. The community is asked to continue to submit information they feel is relevant to the investigation.

To utilize the portal, please visit the link below or utilize the attached quick-response code (QR Code). The portal will send a link by either text or email for the reporting party to upload the evidence and allow the person submitting to provide a brief statement about when and where the activity occurred. The portal also accepts anonymous submissions. Simply uncheck "provide my information" and your submission will remain anonymous. Submissions to the portal will be uploaded directly to evidence.com where officers can review them.



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<https://fortbraggpdca.evidence.com/axon/communityrequest/public/sexualassaultsuspecttipline>

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Farris with the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)964-2800 ext. 225 or email gfarris@fortbraggca.gov.

This information is being released by Sergeant Jonathan McLaughlin. All media inquiries should contact him at jmclaughlin@fortbraggca.gov.