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****MEDIA RELEASE****

Arrest Made related to Poisoning of a Minor 03/19/2026

In July of 2025, The Fort Bragg Police Department received a report that an unidentified adult male had allegedly furnished popcorn suspected of being laced with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to minors from a mobile popcorn stand within the City of Fort Bragg. THC is a psychoactive cannabinoid found in cannabis.

Samples of the product were collected and tested. Laboratory results later confirmed the presence of THC in the seized evidence.

Through continued investigations, the suspect in this case was identified as Michael James Fraser 55 of Willits CA, who was operating under the business name The Popcorn Connection. The Mendocino District Attorney's Office also issued a warrant for Fraser's arrest for violation of 11361(a) PC, 273(a) PC, and 347(a) PC.

On March 18, 2026, at approximately 0730 hours, officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department, with assistance from the Willits Police Department, the Mendocino County Probation, and the California Department of Fire Prevention, served a search and arrest warrant at a warehouse in the 100 block of South Street in Willits. Fraser was contacted at this location and taken into custody without incident.

Evidence related to this case was confiscated during the search warrant and Fraser was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail for his warrant.

This was a long investigation and other agencies including the California Department of Fire Prevention, the Mendocino County Social Services, the Department of Cannabis Control and the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force contributed to its success.

The investigation remains ongoing and if anyone believes that they were also a victim or have any information regarding this incident please contact Officer Franco at (707)961-2800 or email dfranco@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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