

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) **487 PC [Grand Theft], 182 PC [Conspiracy], 132 PC [Providing False Evidence]**

Report Number: 2015-6629

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident: 487 PC [Grand Theft], 182 PC [Conspiracy], 132 PC [Providing False Evidence]

Location: 31000 Block West Highway 20, Fort Bragg

When: Date: 03-18-2015 **Time:** 1:30 P.M.

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Mendocino Coast Park and Recreation District			

Suspect

Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Charles Martin	49		Fort Bragg, Ca.
Suspect #2:	Chirstopher Maki	39		Fort Bragg, Ca.
Suspect #3:	Cassidy Baker	29		Fort Bragg, Ca.

Written by: Sergeant Joseph Comer

Synopsis: Between 03-16-2015 and 03-18-2015, Deputies with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into a reported theft of a redwood burl taken from property belonging to the Mendocino Coast Park and Recreation District located in the vicinity of 31000 Highway 20 in Fort Bragg.

During that investigation, Deputies identified and established that Charles Martin, Christopher Maki and Cassidy Baker conspired to steal an approximate 90-cubic foot redwood burl. The redwood burl was taken from the Mendocino Coast Park and Recreation District Property to an undisclosed location in Butte County and sold for approximately \$3,500.00.

On 03-18-2015 at approximately 1:30 P.M., Deputies contacted Martin within the 19000 block of Babcock Lane and arrested him for grand theft and conspiracy to commit a felony. Martin was additionally charged with providing false evidence to deputies during an interview. Martin was transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he is being held in lieu of \$15,000.00 bail.

Grand theft and conspiracy charges are also being sought against Maki, who was currently incarcerated at the Mendocino County Jail on unrelated charges, and Baker.

Approved By: Lieutenant Greg Stefani

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