

Arrest made in 2019 armed robbery

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A 51-year-old man was arrested Sept. 23 for an October 2019 armed robbery.

In October of 2019, the Crescent City Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at Subway, located at 309 Highway 101 South.

At the time of the investigation the suspect was not located. Investigators learned at one point during the robbery, the victim was locked in the bathroom before the suspect fled the scene.

On Sept. 23, CCPD Officer Johnathan Cooper was granted an arrest warrant for a suspect he identified through his ongoing investigation.

Later in the evening Chief Richard Griffin, Sgt. Anthony Lopez and Canine Lt. Kai were able to locate and arrest the suspect in the 700 block of Lauff Avenue.

Johnny Ponciano, 51, was arrested and booked in to the Del Norte County Jail for armed robbery, false imprisonment and kidnapping.

The investigation is being forwarded to the Del Norte County District Attorney for review.

“I want to recognize Officer Cooper for his dedication to working this investigation with limited initial evidence to work with,” Griffin wrote on the CCPD Facebook page.

Ponciano is being held on \$250,000 bail.

