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Barricaded domestic violence suspect arrested

A San Mateo police officer suffered a minor injury and officers arrested a barricaded domestic violence suspect after a stand-off that lasted nearly one hour.

San Mateo, CA - On Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 2:50 p.m., San Mateo police officers responded to the 1800 Block of El Parque Court regarding an in-progress assault. As officers were arriving on scene, suspect Lolita Roberts ran back into her apartment and barricaded herself inside from police. Officers learned from the victim that Roberts assaulted him and threw several items at him during an argument in front of their 9-year old child (see image below).

A perimeter was established and SMPD sent alerts to the neighborhood urging everyone to stay inside. Crisis negotiators were called out to the scene to communicate with Roberts and encourage a safe surrender. After nearly an hour of negotiating, an officer restrained Roberts through an open window until additional officers entered the house to arrest her. Although Roberts resisted arrest, officers safely took her into custody and transported her to San Mateo County Jail where she later kicked a police officer.

During the arrest on El Parque Court, a police officer was injured and transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The officer injured at the scene has subsequently been released from the hospital after being treated. The officer booking Roberts at jail was not seriously hurt.

Roberts was booked on several charges listed below.

San Mateo police officers understand the seriousness of domestic violence and we want to help victims break the cycle. If you are a survivor of domestic violence or know someone who needs access to resources, ask for help. CORA is the only agency in San Mateo County solely dedicated to helping those affected by intimate partner abuse. From counseling, to emergency housing, to legal assistance, CORA's services are designed to provide safety, support, and healing. CORA can be contacted by calling 800-300-1080 or visiting their website at <https://www.corasupport.org/>. To report domestic violence, please contact SMPD at 650-522-7700 or dial 9-1-1 for in progress violence. Together, we can stop the cycle.

ARRESTED

Lolita Roberts 48-year old from lives in San Mateo, CA

Booking Charges: Domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, child endangerment, resisting/delaying a peace officer in the performance of their duties, and battery on a peace officer.

Please request booking photos from San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at PIO@smcgov.org.

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