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SMPD Arrests Suspect While Patrolling The San Francisco Bay Trail

San Mateo Police Department arrested a suspect that was seen suspiciously loitering in a dark parking lot adjacent to the San Francisco Bay Trail. The suspect drove right at officers as they attempted to contact him. Following a pursuit, he was taken into custody.

San Mateo, CA – On Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 10:07 p.m., San Mateo Police Department officers arrested a suspect following a vehicle pursuit where he nearly struck a police officer as she was attempting to contact him. The officer initially approached the suspect after he was seen suspiciously loitering in a dark parking lot along the San Francisco Bay Trail. A coordinated effort by multiple law enforcement agencies in the region helped capture the suspect after he collided into a fence and fled into marshy waters. The suspect was apprehended and found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and was arrested on a multitude of charges.

Late Tuesday night, San Mateo Police Department officers were on routine patrol around E 3rd Avenue / Anchor Road when they spotted a blue Honda Civic backed into a parking stall with license plates registered to a Chevrolet, leading officers to believe it could have been a stolen car. As officers approached the suspect's Honda, he immediately began to flee the area and nearly struck the officer as she was in the parking lot giving him lawful orders.

The suspect failed to stop, and led officers on a pursuit into Hayward just east of the San Mateo Bridge. A coordinated effort with multiple law enforcement agencies resulted in capturing the suspect after he collided into a fence and fled into the Bay's marshlands. Officers quickly pursued him into the Bay and safely arrested him. The suspect was identified as South San Francisco resident Jose Santiago Jr. and was booked into San Mateo County Jail.

Remember, "If you see something, say something." Our community is our extra eyes and ears. The San Mateo Neighborhood Watch program is total resident participation and involvement in a police community cooperative battle against neighborhood crimes. Its primary purpose is personal and property protection for you and your neighbors. As an extension of the eyes and ears for your police department, your involvement will directly affect the crime rate in your neighborhood. If you have any questions about Neighborhood Watch in San Mateo, please contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (650) 522-7791 or [Email Neighborhood Watch](#).

ARRESTED

Jose Manuel Santiago Jr., 50-year-old South San Francisco resident

Charges: Evading a peace officer by driving recklessly (2800.2 CVC), assault on a peace officer (245(c) PC), resist a peace officer (148(a)1 PC), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 HS), and driving with a suspended license (14601.1(a) CVC).

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