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### **MEDIA RELEASE / COMMUNITY ALERT**

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#### **SMPD Community Alert: Mountain Lion Sighting and Safety Tips**

This morning, a community member reported seeing on video a mountain lion walking along the sidewalk in the 400 block of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 A.M. According to the video, the mountain lion never acted predatory or aggressive in anyway and it was seen walking eastbound. San Mateo Police Officers conducted a thorough search of the area and were unable to locate the animal.

Please review video surveillance here:

<https://video.nest.com/clip/99bb90641f5443a8a3a1855e19c52e4e.mp4>

This alert is for information only and has been issued only as a precaution to our community. The San Mateo Police Department would like to remind you of a few simple tips to protect you and your loved ones from mountain lions.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS REGARDING MOUNTAIN LIONS**

Although it would be rare for a mountain lion to approach humans, you should follow a few simple rules to keep you and your family safe:

- Do not feed deer. It is illegal in California and it will attract mountain lions.
- DO NOT APPROACH a mountain lion if seen, especially one that is feeding or with offspring. Most mountain lions will try to avoid confrontation.
- Avoid hiking or jogging through wooded areas when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, or at night.
- Keep a close watch on small children when hiking or traveling in or about wooded areas.
- Do not run if you encounter a mountain lion. Instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects; pick up small children.
- For more information about mountain lions, click <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Lion>.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOUNTAIN LIONS PLEASE VISIT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE WEBSITE AT <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>.**

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