



## SAN MATEO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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#### **SMPD Arrests Thieves After Pursuit**

*San Mateo Police Department arrested two thieves that were seen traveling into San Mateo on Highway 101. Officers stopped these thieves in their tracks before they victimized our community members.*

San Mateo, CA – On Friday, July 26, 2019, at 11:48 A.M. San Mateo Police Department officers arrested two suspects following a vehicle pursuit and canine apprehension, after they were seen driving a car with paper plates. A coordinated effort by multiple law enforcement agencies in the region helped capture both suspects after their car was debilitated and one person fled into a Redwood Shores neighborhood. The suspects were captured and found to be in possession of utility worker clothing, weapons, burglary tools, narcotics, and property believed to be stolen. This proactive effort to reduce crime in San Mateo helped bring these suspects to justice before they could victimize any San Matean.

Late Friday morning, San Mateo Police Department officers were on routine patrol along the Highway 101 corridor at Hillsdale Blvd. Officers spotted a black Nissan Altima with paper plates, which legislatures made illegal as of January 2019. Knowing the criminal element use paper plates to commit crimes, avoid detection by automated license plate readers, and avoid tolls, officers attempted to stop the Nissan.

The suspects failed to stop, and led officers on a pursuit into Redwood Shores. In his reckless behavior, the driver sideswiped another vehicle at slow speeds, resulting in debilitating his own Nissan at Shearwater Pkwy and Santa Lucia Drive. The driver immediately fled into a Redwood Shores neighborhood, while the passenger surrendered to police. A coordinated effort with multiple law enforcement agencies helped flood the neighborhood with police officers. At 11:46 A.M., officers located the driver about one-mile away running southbound near 1406 Radio Road. While officers were attempting to make contact, the driver reached for a large knife and was quickly subdued by a police canine, preventing any injury to an officer or canine. The driver was treated at a local hospital and booked at county jail a short while later on multiple criminal charges.

The suspects were identified as Stockton resident Brandon Harper and Oakland resident David Quinn. Harper was booked into San Mateo County Jail and Quinn was processed at the San Mateo Police Department.

Remember, “if you see something, say something.” We’re encouraging our community to utilize security cameras. They are especially helpful in identifying suspicious activity in neighborhoods when cameras are street facing. Our officers regularly canvass for surveillance and you can help us by registering your cameras at [www.cityofsanmateo.org/NEST](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/NEST).

The San Mateo Neighborhood Watch program is total resident participation and involvement in a police community cooperative battle against burglaries or other 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. Visit our website for additional information at [sanmateopolice.org](http://sanmateopolice.org).

If you have any questions about Neighborhood Watch in San Mateo, please contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (650) 522-7791 or email us at [neighborhoodwatch@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@cityofsanmateo.org).

#### **ARRESTED**

Brandon Harper, 30-year-old Stockton resident

Charges: Recklessly evading police (2800.2 CVC), leaving the scene of an accident after injuring someone (20001(a) CVC), obstructing a public officer (148(a)1 PC, 69 PC), possession of a controlled substance (11377(a) HS), conspiracy to commit crime (182(a)1 PC), and possession of burglary tools (466 PC).

David Quinn, 29-year-old Oakland resident

Charges: Possession of burglary tools (466 PC).

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