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SMPD Arrests Auto Burglars After Pursuit

San Mateo Police Department arrested two auto burglars targeting utility trucks and stealing tools. Officers stopped these thieves and recovered numerous stolen items.

San Mateo, CA – On Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 04:13 A.M. San Mateo Police Department officers arrested two suspects following a vehicle pursuit after they were seen burglarizing a utility truck and stealing tools. A coordinated effort by multiple law enforcement agencies in the region helped capture both suspects after their car was debilitated by use of spike stripes, a tire deflation device for high speed pursuits. The suspects were captured and found to be in possession of a car full of stolen tools. This arrest is thanks to the alert San Matean who called police at the onset of suspicious activity.

Early Thursday morning, San Mateo Police Department officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Monte Diablo Avenue regarding an auto burglary in progress. The caller told police dispatch hooded burglary suspects were breaking into a van and loading stolen items into a black Toyota Prius with no license plates. Officers spotted a black Toyota Prius with no license plates at Poplar Avenue at Highway 101 southbound and attempted to stop the vehicle.

The suspects failed to stop, and led officers on a pursuit onto Highway 92 eastbound. A coordinated effort with multiple law enforcement agencies helped slow the Toyota by using spike stripes, having it safely stop on Interstate 880 in San Leandro. Officers quickly arrested two suspects without incident.

The suspects were identified as Oakland resident Humberto Gonzalez and San Leandro resident Carlos Borjaorellana. They were booked into San Mateo County Jail on several charges.

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.

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.

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.

ARRESTED

Humberto Gonzalez, 22-year-old Oakland resident

Charges: Recklessly evading police (2800.2 CVC), second degree burglary (460(b) PC), possession of stolen property (496(a) PC), possession of burglary tools (466 PC), conspiracy to commit crime (182(a)1 PC), and vandalism (594(b)1 PC).

Carlos Borjaorellana, 22-year-old San Leandro resident

Charges: Second degree burglary (460(b) PC), possession of stolen property (496(a) PC), possession of burglary tools (466 PC), conspiracy to commit crime (182(a)1 PC), and vandalism (594(b)1 PC).

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