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Police K-9 Locates Large Amount of Methamphetamine in Car

San Mateo Police Department arrested one suspect after a police K-9 alerts officers to a vehicle containing 23 pounds of methamphetamine.

San Mateo, CA – On Thursday, October 3, 2019, around 7:46 A.M., San Mateo Police Department officers contacted a driver near a local park on a welfare check. The driver was subsequently arrested for a warrant and officers utilized a trained narcotics detection police K-9 to search the vehicle, leading officers to a large quantity of methamphetamine valued over \$160,000. The suspect was ultimately booked into San Mateo County Jail.

Officers were patrolling the area of Los Prados Park along Casa De Campo when they conducted a welfare check on a person in a vehicle. The driver was contacted by officers and found to have an active warrant for his arrest in San Mateo County. Officers arrested the driver and had reasonable suspicion to believe he was hiding narcotics in the vehicle. While walking around the car, SMPD's K-9 officer alerted to the trunk and a search revealed nearly 23 pounds of methamphetamine hidden inside.

The driver was arrested and booked at San Mateo County Main Jail.

Anyone with information regarding people suspected of manufacturing or selling narcotics, is encouraged to contact the San Mateo Police Department at (650) 522-7700. Anonymous crime tips can also be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/SMPDTips> or by calling the secret witness line at (650) 522-7676.

Although this suspect was a drug dealer, the San Mateo Police Department understands that people experiencing drug addiction need resources and tools to pull them away from narcotics dependency. If you know someone suffering from substance abuse and need resources, our phenomenal partners at Star Vista San Mateo County are ready to talk 24/7 on their crisis hotline at 650-579-0350 or visit <https://goo.gl/AtQVxG>. For more than 50 years, Star Vista has helped people throughout San Mateo County navigate life's challenges. Their counseling, crisis prevention, youth housing, parent support, and early childhood programs help tens of thousands of people in our community each year.

ARRESTED

Vladimir Magallan-Gallegos, 26-year-old Nevada resident

Charges: Possession for sale of dangerous drug (11378 HS), transportation of a dangerous drug (11379 HS), and a San Mateo County traffic warrant.

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