



## SAN MATEO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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#### **SMPD Arrests Driver After He Critically Injures Pedestrian in Crash**

*San Mateo Police arrested a suspect for marijuana DUI after he hit a pedestrian and fled the scene. The pedestrian was airlifted to a trauma center for serious injuries, but is expected to survive.*

San Mateo, CA – On Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 6:45 P.M., San Mateo Police Department officers arrested a suspect following a hit and run where a pedestrian was struck and severely wounded in the unit block of N Humboldt Street. Witnesses called police during the incident and some saw multiple young people running from the suspect vehicle after it was debilitated by colliding into parked cars. The driver was subsequently identified and arrested in front of his home on a multitude of charges. The injured pedestrian was airlifted to a regional trauma center for his injuries and is currently undergoing treatment.

Driving while impaired is illegal, whether it is alcohol, prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, or marijuana, and there are so many ways to get home safely without driving. Not only is it dangerous and irresponsible, impaired driving causes too many senseless tragedies. If you plan on drinking, smoking marijuana, or are taking medications that can affect your driving ability, designate a sober driver or use a ride-share service. If you see someone driving impaired, call 911.

If you know someone suffering from drug addiction and need resources, our partners at Star Vista San Mateo County are ready to talk 24/7 on their crisis hotline at (800) 686-0101 or visit <https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/aod>. 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**

Nathan Farris, 18-year-old San Mateo resident

Charges: Driving under the influence of drugs causing bodily injury (23153(f) CVC), hit and run causing serious injury (20001(a) CVC), hit and run causing property damage (20002(b) CVC), and driving without a license (12500(a) CVC).

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