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Violent Abuser Arrested for Domestic Violence and Guns Seized

A suspect wanted on domestic violence charges was located and subsequently taken into custody for violently attacking his partner during an argument. Multiple firearms were seized, and the suspect was transported to jail.

San Mateo, CA - On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 5:40 p.m., San Mateo Police Department officers were called to the 4000 block of Martin Drive on report of domestic violence in-progress. Officers learned the victim sought refuge at a neighbor's home after her partner had beaten and strangled her. The investigation led officers to a nearby park where they found the suspect, James Sibbert, intoxicated and driving his vehicle. Sibbert was arrested and multiple firearms were surrendered subsequent to procedures set forth in domestic violence deadly weapon seizure laws. Sibbert was transported to San Mateo County Main Jail on a multitude of charges.

San Mateo police officers understand the seriousness of domestic violence and we want to help victims break the cycle. If you are a survivor of domestic violence or know someone who needs access to resources, ask for help. CORA is the only agency in San Mateo County solely dedicated to helping those affected by intimate partner abuse. From counseling, to emergency housing, to legal assistance, CORA's services are designed to provide safety, support, and healing. Even during this public health crisis, CORA is committed to keeping services available.

To report domestic violence, please contact SMPD at 650-522-7700 or dial 9-1-1 for in progress violence. Together, we can stop the cycle.

ABUSE RESOURCES

CORA Crisis Line: (800) 300-1080

Support-emergency housing, and legal assistance.

<https://www.corasupport.org/covid19/>

National Domestic Violence HOTLINE: (800) 799-7233

If you're unable to speak safely, or text "LOVEIS" to 22522

<https://www.thehotline.org/>

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ARRESTED

James Robert Sibbert, 54-year old from San Mateo

Booking Charges: Domestic violence (273.5(a) PC), assault with a deadly weapon (245(a)4 PC), and driving under the influence of alcohol (23152(a) CVC)

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