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Police Locate Large Amount of Methamphetamine During Traffic Stop

San Mateo Police arrested a drug dealer after officers found over a pound of drugs and indicia for sales during a traffic stop.

San Mateo, CA – On Saturday, May 9, 2020, 10:42 p.m., San Mateo Police Department officers conducted a traffic stop while patrolling near S. Norfolk Avenue / Fashion Island Blvd. The driver was contacted after officers recognized him for being on probation for drug sales. In compliance with his probation terms, officers conducted a search of the suspect's car and discovered over a pound of methamphetamine, a large amount of cash, multiple cellphones, and a scale. Due to COVID-19 jail restrictions, the suspect was released at SMPD with a felony citation.

Methamphetamine is a dangerous drug. Whether it's injected, ingested orally, or smoked, it has a similar effect on the body as cocaine, but has a slower onset and longer duration. Methamphetamine is known to increase the user's body temperature, blood pressure and pulse rates. In addition, it causes insomnia, loss of appetite, and physical exhaustion. Chronic abuse produces a psychosis that resembles schizophrenia, which includes paranoia, hallucinations, and violent and erratic behaviors.

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

Aaron Hasson, 39-year-old San Mateo resident

Charges: Possession a controlled substance for sale (11378 HS), transportation of a controlled substance (11379(a) HS), and committing a felony while on bail (12022.1 PC).

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