



## SAN MATEO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA RELEASE / COMMUNITY ALERT

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#### **Suspect Arrested for Robbery During a Retail Theft Attempt**

*A retail theft suspect was arrested for robbery after stealing store merchandise and attempting to fight and flee from loss prevention employees.*

San Mateo, CA – On September 2, 2025, at 08:49 p.m., the San Mateo Police Department responded to Macy's, located at 115 Hillsdale Mall, San Mateo, on a report of loss prevention employees fighting and chasing a male in the area of the store. Officers arrived and met with Macy's Loss Prevention Officers, who stated they had detained a shoplifter, identified as Fernando Escotorivera, for shoplifting.

During the investigation, officers learned that Escotorivera had attempted to steal approximately \$550.50 worth of Macy's merchandise in the combination of clothing and cologne but was confronted by loss prevention employees for the theft. Escotorivera fought with loss prevention employees, attempting to escape the detention, and an employee was headbutted during the altercation. The employee sustained only minor injury and later declined medical attention. Escotorivera was then detained and escorted back to Macy's Loss Prevention Office.

A combination of store surveillance footage, statements, and recovered merchandise led to the probable cause arrest of Escotorivera for robbery. Escotorivera was transported to the San Mateo County Jail where he was booked for his charge.

We continue to need the community's support in reporting crimes and being a good witness. If you witness a crime, contact the police immediately. Try to remain as calm as possible and do your best to answer questions on the phone. Remember details such as the suspect's appearance, clothing, any distinguishing features, and which direction they flee. Once the police arrive at the scene, cooperate fully, and provide the officers with all the information you have. Your observations can greatly assist law enforcement in their investigation.

#### **ARRESTED**

Fernando Escotorivera, 27-year-old San Mateo resident

#### **CHARGES:**

PC 211-Robbery

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