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STOLEN VEHICLE PURSUIT LEADS TO ARREST AND RECOVERED STOLEN FIREARM

A stolen vehicle pursuit leads officers to Hayward where subject arrested after tossing stolen firearm out of fleeing vehicle.

San Mateo, CA – On Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 1:35am, the San Mateo Police Department located an occupied stolen vehicle in the area of Lago St. at S. Norfolk St. As the stolen vehicle fled the area, officers successfully deployed a tire deflation device, however, the vehicle continued moving and ultimately, fled across Highway 92 before the vehicle became completely disabled in Hayward. Once the car came to a stop, three subjects ran from it on foot, while one subject, a juvenile male, surrendered at the scene. During the foot pursuit, a subject, identified as Alberto Mercado, was caught and arrested. The two others remain outstanding; however, we have investigative leads we will be following up on. While fleeing San Mateo, a loaded firearm (discovered to be stolen out of Las Vegas) had been tossed from the fleeing stolen vehicle. It has since been recovered. Numerous burglary tools were located inside the stolen vehicle.

Mercado was arrested at the scene and later transported and booked into the San Mateo County Jail. The juvenile who surrendered was released to a parent. This case is still under investigation.

ARRESTED:

Alberto Mercado, age 19, Hayward resident

CHARGES:

496(a)PC: Receive/possess stolen property, 25850(a)PC: Carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle, 466PC: Possess burglary tools, 135PC: Destroy/conceal evidence, and 148(A)(1)PC: Obstruct or resist a peace officer

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