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SECOND STOLEN VEHICLE PURSUIT LEADS TO SECOND ARREST AND RECOVERY OF GHOST GUN

A second stolen vehicle pursuit in 10 hours leads to more arrests, and this time subjects were also charged after an illegal ghost gun is discovered.

San Mateo, CA – On Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 11:02pm, the San Mateo Police Department was alerted to a stolen vehicle in the area of 31st Ave. and E. Sailer Dr. Officers located the vehicle on S. El Camino Real at W. 25th Ave. and attempted to stop it. As they did so, the vehicle stopped and the driver and two occupants exited the car and fled on foot, while two female occupants remained. The three who fled were caught and detained by officers. A search of the stolen vehicle led to the discovery of an unserialized unloaded firearm (“ghost gun”) with a loaded extended magazine (23 rounds) found next to it under the driver’s seat. The driver, identified as Silas Willis, and two male juveniles were arrested on both the stolen vehicle and gun charges. The two minor females were released. Willis was transported and booked into the San Mateo County Jail and both of the male juveniles were transported and booked into Hillcrest Juvenile Facility.

This marks the second stolen vehicle pursuit and arrest in approximately 10 hours by SMPD, where a firearm has also been associated and parties involved have also been minors. At this time, we don’t have any information to say the two cases are related, but we encourage parents to be aware of what their teens are doing and who they are associating with.

ARRESTED:

Silas Willis, age 19, San Jose resident

CHARGES: 496d(A)PC: Possess a stolen vehicle, 25400(c)(6)PC: Possess a concealed firearm, 25850(c)PC: Possess unregistered firearm, 29180(b)PC: DOJ requirement for a serial number for a firearm, 29820(b)PC: Prohibits previous ward of the court to possess firearm, 23920(b)PC: Possession of a firearm with altered/obliterated serial number, 148(a)(1)PC, and warrant

ARRESTED:

Male juvenile, age 16, E. Palo Alto resident

CHARGES: 496d(A)PC: Possess a stolen vehicle, 29610(A)PC: Minor in possession of a firearm 148(A)(1)PC: Resist/obstruct a peace officer

ARRESTED:

Male juvenile, age 16, Stockton resident

CHARGES: 496d(A)PC: Possess a stolen vehicle, 29610(A)PC: Minor in possession of a firearm 148(A)(1)PC: Resist/obstruct a peace officer

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