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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Suspect arrested in Half Moon Bay after fleeing from deputies Friday night**

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. – A suspect who was wanted out of another local jurisdiction was arrested by San Mateo County Sheriff's deputies Friday night in Half Moon Bay after briefly evading law enforcement.

On Friday, June 14 at around 8:30 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were notified of a wanted vehicle driving on Highway 1 and entering the City of Half Moon Bay. Deputies saturated the area and located the vehicle north of Main St. A traffic stop was initiated by deputies, but the driver of the vehicle attempted to flee and evade law enforcement. Nearby deputies set up a perimeter, and ultimately, the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Hector L. Gonzalez, 29 of Moss Beach, was taken into custody.

Throughout the course of the investigation, Gonzalez was found to be in possession of a significant amount of prescription drugs with the intent to sell. He was also found to be in possession of pepper spray as a convicted felon. Gonzalez was subsequently arrested and later booked into the Maguire Correction Facility on the below listed charges:

11375(B)(1) HS – felony possession of prescription drugs with intent to sell

2800.2(A) VC – felony reckless evading

148(A)(1) PC – resisting arrest

11350(A) HS – possessing a controlled substance

22810(A) PC – unlawful possession of pepper spray

The San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force assisted with the investigation. Automated license plate reader technology also aided in the investigation.

If you have any further information regarding this case, please contact Deputy Gustavo Islas at [gislas@smcgov.org](mailto:gislas@smcgov.org) or call 650-726-8288. Alternatively, you can remain anonymous by calling the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700.