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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Missing hiker located in Loma Mar by San Mateo County Sheriff's volunteers**

LOMA MAR, Calif. – A hiker who had been missing for nearly 12 hours was safely located early Sunday morning near Pescadero Creek by specially trained San Mateo County Sheriff's Office volunteers. 25 volunteers and a dozen partner agencies helped bring the hiker home safely after an extensive overnight search in frigid temperatures.

On Saturday, November 9 at around 4 p.m., an adult female who was traveling with a group, went out for a hike by herself along Old Haul Rd. in Loma Mar. When darkness began setting in and the hiker hadn't returned, the group became worried and began searching for her. After unsuccessfully locating the missing hiker, the group called the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for assistance.

With darkness and frigid temperatures set in, Sheriff's deputies began an initial search, including the use of an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and a California Highway Patrol helicopter. Those attempts were unsuccessful, and the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau (ESB) was deployed. ESB is a unit of the Sheriff's Office comprised of specially trained volunteer units, including search and rescue teams who have helped locate numerous missing persons in San Mateo County and across the state.

At around 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 10, search teams comprised of 25 volunteers heard the missing hiker respond as they called out her name. She was found about 500 yards down a very steep hill alongside Pescadero Creek. The hiker was uninjured, but exhausted and very cold.

Search teams deployed down the steep hill to provide basic first aid to ensure she could be safely extracted from the area. The extraction took nearly an hour to complete. The hiker was then transported to the Command Post where she was evaluated by AMR paramedics, medically cleared and reunited with the group she was traveling with.

"I applaud our dedicated volunteers for finding the missing hiker under extremely challenges conditions. Their efforts saved this woman's life," said Sheriff Christina Corpus. "This is one of several missing hikers who have been rescued by our Sheriff's deputies and volunteers over the last few months. It is so important to remember the dangers of hiking, especially at night and in unfamiliar areas."

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize and extend its appreciation to the partners, units and volunteer organizations who helped bring the missing hiker home safely:

American Medical Response (AMR)  
Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit (BAMRU)  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)  
California Highway Patrol (CHP)  
California Rescue Dog Association (CARDA)  
California State Parks  
Loma Mar Fire  
San Mateo County Parks  
San Mateo County Search and Rescue (SMCSAR)  
San Mateo County Sheriff's Communications Unit (SCU)  
Sheriff's Office Coastside Patrol Bureau  
Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau (ESB)

The Sheriff's Office is also reminding the public of the importance of reviewing safety tips prior to hiking. Tips can be found online on the [California State Parks website](#).

