



**SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date:** June 24, 2021

**Location:** San Mateo County, San Francisco County, Alameda County, and Santa Clara County

**Type of Crime/Incident:** 12305 HS - Possession of Explosives  
182(a)1 PC - Conspiracy  
11377 HS - Possession of Methamphetamine  
4573 PC - Bring a Controlled Substance into Jail

**Suspects:** **Raymond Chan (43 Years Old)**  
**Jeffrey Bernaldez (47 Years Old)**

**Summary:** During the month of June, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) Detectives initiated an investigation into a subject who was manufacturing and distributing explosive devices. During the investigation, two suspects were identified as Burlingame resident Raymond Chan and Daly City resident Jeffrey Bernaldez. Through surveillance, CSU Detectives identified two residences (one being an apartment building) in Millbrae and Burlingame associated to the manufacturing operation.

On 06/25/2021, CSU Detectives executed search warrants in the City of Millbrae and unincorporated Burlingame. The investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately **15 pounds** of illegal explosives and specific materials used to manufacture illegal explosives. At the time of their arrests, Chan and Bernaldez were also found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine. Chan and Bernaldez were booked into the San Mateo County Jail for the above charges. Further investigation is being conducted by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit regarding criminal charges for explosive manufacturing.

There have been numerous complaints about the use of illegal fireworks this year and the Sheriff's Office continues to work on ways to deter the sales and use of them in our communities. Through criminal investigations and promoting community awareness, the Sheriff's Office is hoping for a safe Fourth of July where the fireworks are left to the professionals.

As a reminder, **ALL** fireworks are **ILLEGAL** in unincorporated parts of San Mateo County as well as Sheriff's Office contract cities and towns and fines can be up to **\$1,000**. Please do



not call 911 to report fireworks, instead call our non-emergency line at 650-363-4911. Don't take the risk! Keep your family and community safe!

*Special thanks to Redwood City Police Department Street Crimes Detectives for their assistance!*

**Written by: Sergeant Mike Leishman – Crime Suppression Unit**

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