



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: November 7, 2020

Location: Seaport Boulevard and Highway 101, Redwood City

Type of Crime/Incident: 496(a) – Possession of Stolen Property
182(a)(1) - Conspiracy to Commit a Felony

Suspects: **Manuel Ricardo Alfonso (51 years old)**
Elizabeth Smith (32 years old)

Summary: On 11/06/2020, CSU Detectives worked with SMSO Transit Detectives and deployed a "bait" bicycle equipped with a GPS tracking device. The following morning, 11/07/2020, at 0645 hours, the "bait" bicycle was stolen from a secured carport. CSU Detectives and SMSO Transit Detectives monitored the GPS location updates and located the stolen "bait" bicycle within hours.

During the investigation two suspects, Manuel Ricardo Alfonso and Elizabeth Smith, were taken into custody. While on scene, investigators discovered hundreds of discarded bicycle frames and other bicycle parts. Investigators collected multiple bicycles from the scene and attempts to locate and identify owners are being made.

Both suspects were booked into San Mateo County Jail for violation of 496(a)PC – Felony Possession of Stolen Property and 182(a)(1) PC – Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.

Based on the success of the operation, CSU Detectives and SMSO Transit Detectives will be deploying the "bait" bicycle on a weekly rotation.

Written by: Sergeant Mike Leishman – Crime Suppression Unit

Case #: 20-08610
Release Date: 11/10/2020

