



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

**Incident Date and Time:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 Approximately 3:00 am

**Location:** Devonshire Avenue/Dumbarton Avenue, Redwood City, CA.

**Type of Crime/Incident:** 11364 H&S – Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia  
11377(a) H&S – Possession of Controlled Substance  
22810 PC – Possession of Tear Gas by Felon  
5.28.030 County Ordinance – Possession/Discharge Fireworks

**Suspect:** Mario Ventura (49 year-old Menlo Park resident)

### **Summary:**

On Thursday, 07/01/2021 at approximately 0300 hours, San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputies observed fireworks being set off in the area of Devonshire Avenue and Dumbarton Avenue in unincorporated Redwood City. As Deputies approached, they observed Mario Ventura walking away. Deputies stopped Ventura and learned that he was on CDC parole. During a parole search, Deputies located narcotics, narcotics paraphernalia, and a fully discharged "ghost" roman candle style firework in his possession. Ventura was subsequently placed under arrest.

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**.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the **San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700**.

**Written by: Sergeant S. Berberian – Headquarters Patrol Bureau**

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