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GUN BUYBACK EVENT RESULTS

Belmont– The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Belmont Police Department, East Palo Alto Police Department, Menlo Park Police Department, Redwood City Police Department, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback hosted an anonymous gun buyback event in Belmont on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

Dozens of people surrendered firearms, no questions asked, and received \$50 cash for non-functioning firearms, \$100 cash for handguns, shotguns, or rifles, and \$200 cash for assault weapons and "ghost guns."

A total of **223** firearms were collected. This total included **5** assault weapons and **2** "ghost" guns, which are untraceable. Each collected firearm will be processed for destruction.

If you have any questions, please contact San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Javier Acosta at 650-421-1243.

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