



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

**Incident Date and Time:** Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:06 a.m.  
**Location:** 1001 Chestnut Street, San Carlos  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Armed suicidal subject taken into custody

### Summary:

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at approximately 12:06 a.m., San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the San Carlos Police Bureau were dispatched to Burton Park, in the City of San Carlos, on a report of a male who made suicidal statements. Upon arrival, Deputies located a parked car with the reported male in the driver's seat, asleep and with what appeared to be a firearm on his lap. Deputies safely repositioned to utilize time, distance and cover to first gather resources and formulate a plan.

Sheriff's Office Enhanced Crisis Intervention Trained Deputies were on scene and attempted communication using a patrol vehicle public address (PA) system. A Deputy and FAA-certified remote pilot assigned to the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Unit also deployed a drone to contact the subject and collect additional information. The subject awoke and ultimately followed instructions, exited the vehicle and was safely detained by deputies without incident. The subject was evaluated on scene before being transported to the San Mateo Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services unit. The object previously seen on the subject's lap was located and found to be a replica firearm.

This case highlights the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office's Enhanced Crisis Intervention Training program and how our crisis response has aligned with recent law changes (California AB-392) as well as community expectations. Unless there is imminent danger or threats to others, deputies will conduct pre-assessments, gather as much information as possible, and form a plan for de-escalation prior to attempting contact with an individual in crisis. We understand that the mere presence of uniformed deputies can escalate situations, and we will utilize time and distance whenever possible to assess the best course of action for each situation.

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

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