



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 1806 hours

Location: Residence in San Carlos

Type of Crime/Incident: PC 245 (a)(2) – Assault with a firearm
PC 422(a) – Criminal Threats
PC 368(b)(1) – Elder Abuse

Suspect: Matthew Knorpp - 33-year-old male

Summary:

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a residence in San Carlos on a report of an adult male threatening to kill the victim with a firearm. Upon arrival, the victim was able to exit the home safely. Deputies utilized time and distance to formulate a plan prior to attempting contact with the suspect, Matthew Knorpp. Resources from the Crisis Negotiations Unit, the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team, and the Unmanned Aerial System were deployed. With resources in place, Deputies made contact with Knorpp who was intoxicated and in crisis. Knorpp eventually agreed to exit the home and he was taken into custody without incident. A firearm and two pellet guns were recovered and seized. An Emergency Protective Order and a Gun Violence Restraining Order were granted and served. Knorpp was transported and booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility on the above listed charges.

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 individuals 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. Utilizing time and distance allows us to take advantage of the many resources the Sheriff's Office has at its disposal to aid in de-escalation attempts when feasible.

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