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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: July 14, 2021 1400 hours
Location: Windy Hill Preserve, Portola Valley, CA
Type of Crime/Incident: Armed suicidal subject taken into custody

Summary: On July 14, 2021, San Mateo County Deputies responded to the Windy Hill Preserve on a report of a subject laying in the bushes with a rifle sticking out from his clothing. Sheriff's Office Enhanced Crisis Intervention (ECIT) Trained Deputies arrived on scene and were able to communicate with the subject. A Deputy with the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Unit deployed a drone to get a visual of the subject and gather additional information. An ECIT Deputy was able to de-escalate this incident by talking to the subject and detaining him without anyone being hurt. The subject was evaluated at the scene and placed on a 5150 W&I hold. The subject was taken to San Mateo County Medical Center for further evaluation. A shotgun was recovered at the scene.

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers and Midpeninsula Open Space Park Rangers responded to the scene and worked collaboratively with the Sheriff's Office during this incident.

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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