



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

**Incident Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021, at approximately 2:00 pm

**Location:** San Mateo County (South San Francisco)

**Type of Crime/Incident:** 10851 CVC – Vehicle theft  
496(d) CVC – Possession of a stolen vehicle  
29800(A)(1) PC – Felon in possession of a firearm

**Suspects:** **Tuiasosopo, Richard (21 Years old)**

**Summary:** On 12/14/2021, Vehicle Theft Task Force (VTTF) Agents were monitoring a stolen BMW that was located at the Courtyard Marriott in South San Francisco. The stolen BMW recklessly evaded Colma Police two weeks prior. During surveillance, VTTF Agents and Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) Detectives observed a subject, later identified as Richard Tuiasosopo, enter the stolen vehicle. Agents converged on the vehicle and took Tuiasosopo into custody without incident.

Agents conducted a search of Tuiasosopo incident to arrest and found a loaded .45 caliber S&W semi-automatic handgun concealed in his sweatshirt. Tuiasosopo was also found to be in possession of over 5 pounds marijuana and concentrated cannabis for sales.

Tuiasosopo has prior association with violent criminal street gang members.

Tuiasosopo was booked into the SMCSO jail for the above listed charges.

If you have any additional information or questions, please contact VTTF Agent Mulvihill @ [bmulvihill@smcgov.org](mailto:bmulvihill@smcgov.org)

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