



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

**SAUSALITO POLICE ARREST SUBJECT
FOR COMPUTER BASED THEFT**

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On Saturday, July 30, 2016, at approximately 8:45 AM, Sausalito Police Detective Nick White arrested Robert Ratkovcic (a 49 year old resident of Orlando, Florida) for defrauding a Sausalito resident of approximately \$120,000 via a computer scam.

This case originated in early July 2016 when a resident of Sausalito reported that in 2015 she had acquired a virus on her computer when she downloaded a program advertising a free Windows 10 upgrade. Shortly after downloading that program, the virus made her computer not function properly and sent false pop up advertisements to the computer advising of the need to pay for various virus repair programs. The virus also recommended various "computer repair companies" which the resident paid in an attempt to repair her computer. During these computer transactions, the resident's bank accounts were accessed unlawfully and cash was moved from the resident's retirement account to their check account. The resident was then advised that she had been accidentally refunded money and she had to pay back the computer repair service via cashier checks made to Ratkovcic. Ratovcic traveled from Florida to Sausalito on two separate occasion during June and early July 2016 to receive the checks from the resident in person at the resident's home.

The Sausalito Police Department learned that Ratkovcic had contacted the resident again and was requiring an additional cashier's check and that he would be traveling to Sausalito. Working in conjunction with investigators from the Central Marin Police Authority, the Sausalito Police Department set up an undercover surveillance operation and arrested Ratkovcic once he arrived at the resident's home in Sausalito.

Ratovcic was arrested for 532 PC- Theft by False Pretenses and 487 PC – Grand Theft and was booked into the Marin County Jail.

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