

## SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE:

## SAUSALITO'S LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS NAB FIRST ARREST

For immediate release:

5-23-17 0730 Hours PR 1 SP17-357 Lieutenant Bill Fraass (415) 289-4170

On Monday, May 22, 2017, at approximately 9:50 PM, the Sausalito Police Department received an Alert from their License Plate Recognition cameras of a stolen vehicle entering Sausalito. The vehicle, a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, had been stolen from San Francisco on May 19, 2017.

Sausalito Police Corporal Brian Mather and Officer Edgar Padilla responded immediately and located the Chevrolet Suburban in the 2900 block of Bridgeway. Sausalito Police Officers with assistance from the Marin County Sheriff's Office removed four people from the vehicle without incident and detained them. The vehicle had been occupied by two 17 year olds, a 15 year old, and an 18 year old. Through their investigation, Sausalito officers determined that the driver of the vehicle (a 17 year old male out of San Francisco) was the person responsible for the theft of the vehicle.

The 17 year old driver was arrested and booked into Marin County Juvenile Hall for 10851 PC- Vehicle Theft.

The City of Sausalito has 9 License Plate Recognition Cameras spread throughout the entrances/exits of the City. The License Plate Recognition Cameras program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The goal of the License Plate Recognition Camera program is to increase public safety by utilizing technology to alert law enforcement to wanted vehicles, enhance post-crime investigative abilities, and deter crime by increasing the likelihood of suspect identification.

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