



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

Arrest Made After Vehicle Pursuit

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On Monday, September 4, 2017, at approximately 11:59 AM, a Sausalito police officer attempted to stop a vehicle for exhibition of speed and excessive speed on Bridgeway. Officers attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle but the driver refused to stop causing the officer to initiate a pursuit. The vehicle, a two door Toyota Celica, tried to force the pursuing unit to crash into him by slamming on his brakes without cause. The suspect vehicle at one point made a quick u-turn and pointed itself directly at the officer's patrol vehicle, threatening to ram into the side of their vehicle from only a couple feet away.

The pursuit left Sausalito jurisdiction and went into the hills of Mill Valley off of Highway 131. Officers lost sight of the vehicle but minutes later a deputy from the Marin County Sheriff's Office located it and continued the pursuit. The vehicle led the officers from Highway 131, south onto Highway 101 to the Highway 1 on-ramp near the Manzanita parking lot. The suspect vehicle ultimately side swiped another vehicle at 100 Shoreline. The suspect vehicle spun out into the dirt gore point between the Shoreline and Highway 101. Both the driver and the passenger were removed from the vehicle and taken into custody. No one was injured in the crash.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 45 year old Aaron Long out of San Rafael. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, evading arrest, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger of the vehicle was identified as 33 year old Nevada resident. She was interviewed and later released without charges.

Long was searched incident to arrest and was in possession of methamphetamine. Hypodermic needles were found throughout the suspect vehicle.



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Long was transported by ambulance to the Marin General Hospital to be medically cleared. Once cleared by the medical staff he will be booked into the Marin County Jail on the listed charges.

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