

## SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE:

## VEHICLE STOLEN IN SAN JOSE LOCATED BY SAUSALITO'S LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS

For immediate release:

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On Friday, April 27, 2018, at approximately 8:43PM, the Sausalito Police Department received an alert from our License Plate Recognition Cameras of a stolen vehicle entering Sausalito from the 4000 block of Bridgeway. The vehicle, a 1996 Honda Accord, had been stolen out of San Jose on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

Sausalito Police Officers immediately responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the area. Officers quickly located the Honda and affected a stop on it in the 100 block of Buchanan Drive. Officers removed the four (4) occupants of the Honda without incident and detained them while they conducted their investigation. The Honda had been occupied by a 16-year-old female, a 16-year-old male, a 15-year-old male.

Investigation resulted in the driver of the vehicle (the 16 year old female who is a resident of San Jose) being arrested for possession of the stolen vehicle. Officers' investigation also revealed that the 15-year-old female was a missing person out of San Jose.

The 16-year-old female driver was released on a citation to her parents. The 15-year-old missing female was reunited with her parents. The 16 and 15-year-old males were released without charges to family members.

Since the City of Sausalito's License Plate Recognition Camera program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017, fifteen (15) stolen vehicles have been recovered leading to the arrest of twenty-one (21) individuals. 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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