



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

Subjects Arrested For Outstanding Warrants And Identity Theft Related Crimes

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On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at approximately 5:43 PM, Sausalito Police Officer Nick White observed a Land Rover Discovery fail to stop for a stop sign at Libertyship Ave and Marinship Ave. Officer White conducted a traffic stop on the Land Rover at Bridgeway and Olive Street and contacted the occupants of the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle used a New York Driver's License to identify himself. Officer White noticed that the driver did not look like the photograph on the driver's license and conducted further investigation which determined that the driver was Joseph Catania, a 40 year old resident of San Francisco. At this point, Officer White arrested Catania for false impersonation. A wants/warrants check revealed that Catania had a no bail felony warrant out San Francisco for identity theft and another no bail felony warrant out of Alameda County for a probation violation. Catania is currently on probation in San Francisco for identity theft related crimes.

Officer White then spoke to the female passenger of the vehicle who identified herself with a false name. Officers were able to positively identify the female passenger of the vehicle as Sharon Neal, a 37 year old resident of San Francisco. A wants/warrants check revealed that Neal had a felony warrant for possession of a stolen vehicle and identify theft (bail \$100,000) out of San Francisco.

Additional investigation led to the discovery of stolen property, evidence of identity theft, equipment to manufacture fraudulent credit cards, burglary tools, drug paraphernalia, and methamphetamine.

Catania was arrested for the previously mentioned warrants, 496 PC – possession of stolen property, 530.5 PC – identity theft, 529 PC – false impersonation, 182 PC -conspiracy, 11364 HS – possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and 466 PC – possession of burglary tools. Neal was arrested for 496 PC – possession of stolen property, 530.5 PC – identity theft, 148.9 PC – false identification to a police officer, 182 PC -conspiracy, 11364 HS – possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and 466 PC – possession of burglary tools. Both subjects were booked into the Marin County Jail.

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