



# SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**John Rohrbacher**  
*Chief of Police*

## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **Subject Arrested for Robbery, Theft, and Resisting/Obstruction Officers**

For immediate release:

10-4-19 0830 Hours  
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On Thursday, October 3, 2019, at approximately 11:31AM, Sausalito Police Officers were dispatched to the 20 block of Princess Street in regards to an assault that had just occurred. Initial reports indicated that a possible homeless person had assaulted an employee of a clothing store. When officers arrived on scene they discovered that the subject (later identified as Jonathan Whyte a 35-year-old transient who is on probation out of San Francisco for felony burglary) had attempted to purchase a belt at the store. When Whyte's credit card was declined, he went behind the counter and took the employee's cell phone and started to run away. The employee and White engaged in a struggle for the cell phone. During the struggle, the employee was able to get her cell phone back. Whyte then ran outside and took a rental bicycle from a neighboring business and fled the area. Officers conducted a comprehensive search for Whyte, but were unable to locate him at that time.

At approximately 3:37 PM, Officers were dispatched to a report of a disturbance in the 2400 block of Bridgeway. The individual causing the disturbance matched Whyte's description. Prior to Officers arrival, Whyte left the area. Officers conducted a search of the area during which several community members provide them with information about Whyte's possible location. Whyte was located in the 2100 block of Marinship. Despite officers ordering Whyte to stop several times, he attempted to escape on the stolen bicycle. Whyte was quickly stopped by officers and after a brief struggle, was taken into custody. Neither Whyte nor the officers were injured during the struggle.

Whyte was arrested for 211 PC – Robbery, 148 PC – Resisting/Obstructing Officers, and 488 PC – Petty Theft and was booked into the Marin County Jail.

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