SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

**SAUSALITO'S LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION
CAMERAS LEAD TO STOLEN VEHICLE ARREST**

For immediate release:

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On Sunday, May 17, 2020, at approximately 3:04 PM, the Sausalito Police Department received an alert from our License Plate Recognition Cameras of a stolen vehicle entering Sausalito from Monte Mar Ave. The vehicle, a 1982 Toyota pickup truck, had been stolen from San Rafael on May 17, 2020.

Sausalito Police Officers immediately responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the area. At approximately 3:10 PM, Officers located the Toyota in the area of Curry Ave and Glenn Drive. Officers affected a stop on the Toyota and detained the driver, Diego Nativid Hernandez (33-year-old transient out of San Rafael), who was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that Hernandez was in possession of burglary tools and was on probation in Marin County for resisting an officer, assault, and vandalism. Hernandez was arrested and booked into the Marin County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of burglary tools.

Since the City of Sausalito's License Plate Recognition Camera program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017, thirty-two (32) stolen vehicles have been recovered leading to the arrest of thirty-six (36) individuals for various crimes. 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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