



# SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SHOOTING ARREST**

For immediate release:

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On Saturday, June 6, 2020, at approximately 11:35PM, Sausalito Police Officers responded to the 20 block of San Carlos Ave on the report of a possible domestic violence incident in progress. The reporting party stated he was using a ride share service to respond to the scene and that his ex-girlfriend had been physically assaulted by her current boyfriend. While Officers were responding, they received additional reports from the public of a disturbance in the area and the sound of a possible gunshot.

When Officers arrived on scene, they contacted the reporting party and the female. The reporting party stated that he had arrived on scene and walked towards the suspect, later identified as Eric Nelson (30-year-old resident of Sausalito and Vacaville), in order to confront him on the street fronting the residence. While the reporting party was approaching Nelson, he said that he heard one shot fired at him. After being shot at, the reporting party ran from the scene. Nelson fled from the scene as well after the confrontation and the gunshot.

Officers interviewed the female and confirmed that she was in fact a victim of domestic violence and she too had heard a gunshot.

Officers determined that Nelson had fled the scene on foot and based on personal property located on the street believed that he could still be in the area. Additional Officers from the Marin County Sheriff's Office, Mill Valley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and the San Rafael Police Department were requested and a comprehensive search of the area was conducted.

During the search with the San Rafael Police Department's canine unit, Officers found Nelson hiding in the bushes on a path near an unoccupied house on San Carlos Ave. Nelson immediately fled towards Atwood Ave with Officers pursuing him on foot. In an attempt to evade Officers during the foot pursuit, Nelson, without looking, jumped over a stair case railing at a residence in the area of Atwood Ave and Bulkley Ave. Nelson fell approximately 30 feet down a steep hillside and when he landed, he impaled his right wrist on a piece of rebar that was protruding from the ground.



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Officers were able to surround Nelson and detain him. The Southern Marin Fire Protection District responded to the scene and after approximately one hour, were able to free Nelson from the rebar and remove him from the hillside. Nelson was taken into custody and then transported to Marin General Hospital for medical treatment. Nelson was later transported from Marin General Hospital to San Francisco General Hospital for surgery on his wrist.

Officers conducted a detailed search of the foot pursuit path that Nelson led them on. During this search, Officers located a loaded .357 Caliber Colt revolver with one spent shell casing in the area where Officers had found Nelson hiding. Further investigation and evidence tied Nelson to this handgun.

Nelson is currently in custody while receiving medical treatment. When medically cleared he will be booked into the Marin County Jail for the crimes of suspicion of attempted murder, domestic violence, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a loaded firearm, and resisting arrest. The Sausalito Police Department is continuing to investigate this incident, which may result in additional charges.



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