



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

**LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS LEAD TO ARREST FOR
POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE, NARCOTICS, AND AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT**

For immediate release:

11-12-20 0830 Hours
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On Thursday, November 12, 2020, at approximately 12:31 AM, 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 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, had been stolen from San Francisco on November 10, 2020.

Sausalito Police Officers responded immediately and began to search for the Chevrolet. At approximately 12:34 AM, Sergeant Steve Veveiros located the Chevrolet and a traffic stop was affect at the intersection of Butte Street and Tomales Street. Officers removed driver and sole occupant of vehicle, Jose Cruz-Rodriquez (25-year-old resident of San Francisco) without incident.

Further investigation revealed that Cruz-Rodriquez had an outstanding \$1,500 arrest warrant out of Marin County for possession of stolen property and burglary tools. In Cruz-Rodriquez possession, Officers located suspected methamphetamine, narcotics paraphernalia, and tools commonly used to commit automobile burglaries.

Cruz-Rodriquez was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of methamphetamines, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools, and the warrant and was booked into the Marin County Jail.

Since the City of Sausalito's License Plate Recognition Camera program became operational on Thursday, May 18, 2017, forty-eight (48) stolen vehicles have been recovered and fifty-five (55) individuals have been arrested 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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