



POLICE BLOTTER
Week of January 10 - 16, 2021



The Police Blotter highlights a partial list of incidents in the city and is distributed on a weekly basis. The Blotter provides the date, time, approximate location, a narrative summary of the incident, case number and the most serious arrest charge.

Meanwhile, the Arrest Log provides a timely, chronological summary of all the arrests made by the Santa Clara Police Department. It includes the name of the suspect(s), date of birth, city in which they reside, arrest date, time, location, case number as well as all the charge(s) associated with the arrest. This information, located on the Santa Clara Police Department's home page (www.scpd.org), is updated daily and serves as the most comprehensive list of arrests made.

Based on the mandatory orders from Santa Clara County Public Health, the City of Santa Clara has implemented many service level changes, limited to essential services. Since the preparation and distribution of a Police Blotter is not an essential service, it will be produced as resources are available.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Commercial Burglary

Location: 3500 Block of Homestead Road

An unknown subject(s) forced entry into a business on the 3500 block of Homestead Road, stole three cellular telephones and fled the scene. The loss is estimated at \$3,900 and the subject(s) remain at large.

Time: 001

Case Number: 21-110044

Monday, January 11, 2021

Residential Burglary

Location: 2200 Block of Agnew Road

An unknown subject(s) smashed the window to a fitness center on the 2200 block of Agnew Road. The subject(s) also entered the parking garage and burglarized several vehicles. The vehicle burglaries were reported separately and online. The subject(s) is unknown.

Time: 0700

Case Number: 21-111131

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

PRESS RELEASE - Two Incidents of Gunshots Fired on January 12. Arrests Made in Connection with One

On Jan. 12, 2021, at approximately 2:25 p.m., residents on the 3400 block of Agate Drive reported hearing multiple gunshots in the area. When the Santa Clara Police Department arrived on the scene to investigate, officers located spent shell casings and confirmed bullets were fired. Further investigation revealed two unknown suspects confronted a 26-year-old male victim and brandished handguns. The suspects fired their weapons in the victim's direction, and then the suspects fled the scene in a gray-colored Infiniti sedan. No injuries occurred as a result of gunshots being fired; however, several vehicles were damaged from bullets.

Prior to the incident, the suspects were seen congregating in a laundry room on the 3400 block of Agate Drive. Detectives are asking for the public's help to identify the suspects. If you have additional information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Sergeant Torke at (408) 615-4806. Anonymous callers can leave tips at (408) 615-4847.

Time: 1425

Case Number: 21-112139

On Jan. 12, 2021, at about 9:32 p.m., Santa Clara Police officers patrolling the area of Scott Boulevard and Benton Street heard gunshots in the area. Officers located a vehicle and saw the front passenger discard a firearm out the window. Officers stopped the vehicle, arrested the suspects and recovered the discarded firearm. Officers then canvassed the area of Scott Boulevard and Benton Street, located spent shell casings and confirmed bullets were fired. The suspects admitted to discharging their firearm from the vehicle. Fortunately, no citizens were injured as a result of the gunshots.

Suspect #1 Joseph M. Rodriguez was arrested for negligent discharge of a firearm, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle and willful/malicious discharge of a firearm from a vehicle.

Suspect #2 Emmanuel Guirnela was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm, negligent discharge of a firearm, willful/malicious discharge from a vehicle and driver/owner allow discharge from a vehicle.

The Santa Clara Police Department booked both suspects into the Santa Clara County Jail for further criminal proceedings.

These types of crimes are not typical in the City of Santa Clara. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, proactive policing by our officers resulted in the confiscation of 119 firearms. The Santa Clara Police Department is committed with keeping our citizens and community safe.

Time: 2131

Case Number: 21-112190

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Fraud

Location: 601 El Camino Real

Approximately one week prior, a resident (victim) attempted to place an order from Amazon however the transaction would not go through.

On 1/10/21 the victim received a phone call from a male subject claiming to be from Amazon. The subject advised the victim that the account was locked because it was hacked, and a purchase was made in the amount of \$1,499. The subject advised the victim that the account needed to be brought to a current zero balance. A subsequent call from the subject informed the victim the amount was \$14,999, not \$1,499. During a series of follow-up phone calls, the subject told the victim to pay \$8,000 to rectify the matter. The subject instructed the victim to purchase Best Buy gift cards and provide the serial numbers as payment.

From 1/11/21 – 1/12/21, the victim purchased \$4,000 in Best Buy gift cards and provided the subject with the serial numbers. On 1/13/21, Best Buy staff notified their manager who reviewed the previously purchased gift cards; all had been utilized to make purchases in stores on the east coast. The manager advised the victim he was likely the victim of fraud and to contact the police.

SCPD took a police report and advised the victim to contact the credit card companies and advise them of the fraud. Meanwhile, the subject remains unknown.

Time: 1609

Case Number: 21-113133

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Residential Burglary Location: 2600 Block of South Drive

Public Safety Dispatchers received a call for service on the 2600 block of South Drive regarding a previous burglary.

An unknown subject(s) gained access to the facility and accessed a large bank of mailboxes between 0610 and 0730 hours earlier that day. There were no signs of forced entry and it is unknown if any mail was taken. The subject(s) remain at large.

Time: 0812

Case Number: 21-114049

Friday, January 15, 2021

Residential Burglary Location: 2000 Block of Acacia Court

Public Safety Dispatchers received a call for service on the 2000 block of Acacia Court regarding a prior burglary.

An unknown subject(s) entered the victim's open garage and stole multiple items from a vehicle, including credit cards, debit cards, cash, gift cards, compact discs, car key, etc. valued at approximately \$900. In addition, the subject utilized the stolen bank cards to make approximately \$1,450 in purchases on 1/15/21. The subject(s) is at large.

Time: 1617

Case Number: 21-115107

Felony Evade

Location: San Tomas Expressway and Cabrillo Avenue

An officer initiated a traffic enforcement stop in the area of San Tomas Expressway and Cabrillo Avenue.

The subjects fled and while doing so collided with a vehicle and the guard rail. The suspects did not comply with officers' orders to surrender. Out of an abundance of caution, the intersection was closed and SCPD's armored rescue vehicle was deployed to safely hail the suspects and place them in custody. At that time, the suspects were determined to be juveniles.

The driver was arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall. The passenger was arrested, issued a Juvenile Contact Report and released to his mother.

The driver of the victim vehicle sustained minor injuries. The intersection was closed for approximately one hour.

Time: 2020

Case Number: 21-115150

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Petty Theft

Location: 3400 Block of El Camino Real

Public Safety Dispatchers received a call for service regarding a prior theft at a business on the 3400 block of El Camino Real.

The subject took approximately \$700 worth of nicotine gum and fled the store on foot. The subject is unknown and at large.

Time: 1016

Case Number: 21-116043

During these challenging times, if you find yourself in a troubling situation, the Santa Clara Police Department encourages you to utilize the following community resources:

- *Disaster Distress Helpline, 800-985-5990*
- *Domestic Violence Crisis Line, 800-799-7233*
- *Emergency, 9-1-1*
- *National Alliance on Mental Illness, 800-950-6264 or text 741741*
- *National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 800-273-8255*
- *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 800-662-4357*
- *Veteran's Crisis Line, 800-273-8255*

For accurate Coronavirus information:

Coronavirus Local News and Resources – www.SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates

FEMA Coronavirus Myths and Facts - <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>

FEMA Coronavirus News, Fact Sheets, FAQ and Ways to Help - <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>