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**POLICE BLOTTER**  
Week of January 24, 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](http://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 24, 2021**

Warrant Arrest

Location: El Camino Real and Los Padres Boulevard

An officer made consensual contact with a male subject near the intersection of El Camino Real and Los Padres Boulevard.

A Records check revealed the subject had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The officer issued the subject with a Notice to Appear, a new court date and released him from the scene.

Time: 1148

Case Number: 21-124059

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

Vandalism

Location: 3500 Block of Sunnydays Lane

An officer was flagged down by a U.S. Postal Carrier near the intersection of Lawrence Road and Sunnydays Lane.

The Postal Carrier had just come across one mailbox panel with approximately ten mail slots that had been damaged. The mail slots were exposed and had little to no mail inside.

Time: 0902

Case Number: 21-125020

*NOTE: Each year, the U.S. Postal Service is trusted with safely getting letters and packages to their intended destinations.*

*The City of Santa Clara has experienced an uptick in mail theft since November 2020. While there was one arrest made in connection with these thefts (Case 21-103009), the lengths to which mail thieves will go to steal from mailboxes is startling. The Santa Clara Police Department asks residents to be observant of suspicious activity and remain vigilant.*

#### *Protect Yourself and Your Mail*

- *Do not send cash or gift cards*
- *Retrieve mail as soon after delivery as possible, or have a friend do it*
- *Sign up for [Informed Delivery](#), a free feature allowing you to digitally preview your incoming mail and manage your arriving packages*
- *Sign up to receive your mail at a [PO Box](#)*
- *Install a locking mailbox, and be sure to lock your mailbox after each use*
- *Place outgoing mail in a USPS collection box*
- *Be certain to place your mail on hold with USPS if you are going to be away on vacation or business*
- *If you move, file a change of address with USPS*
- *When mailing something important, request signature confirmation*
- *Inquire about overdue mail with the sender*

#### *Steps to Take if Your Mail or a Package has been Stolen*

- *Report mail theft or an incident of mailbox vandalism to USPS [online](#) or call 877-876-2455. Postal Inspectors investigate these crimes.*
- *Report mail or package theft to the Santa Clara Police Department online at [www.scpd.org](http://www.scpd.org)*
- *If you see someone actively tampering with a mailbox, immediately call 9-1-1. To report suspicious activity, call the non-emergency phone line at 408-615-5580.*

*USPS also offers valuable information online about [identity theft](#), [mail theft](#), [credit card fraud](#) and [mail fraud](#). Check it out!*

### **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Residential Burglary

Location: 1600 Block of Hope Drive

Between 1/17/21 and 1/24/21, an unknown subject(s) entered the victim's open garage on the 1600 block of Hope Drive and a battery powered scooter valued at approximately \$500.

The victim initially reported this incident as a theft online however the report was denied online because it was classified incorrectly.

Time: 1739

Case Number: 21-126128

*NOTE: What is the difference between Theft and Burglary?*

*Burglary and theft are criminal offenses used interchangeably however the two words connote different meanings.*

*Theft refers to the unlawful ownership of another person's possession or unauthorized taking of another person's property without the knowledge of the owner.*

*Burglary is an unlawful act of unauthorized entry to another person's building (residential or commercial) with the aim to commit a crime.*

*For online reporting purposes, individuals can file a theft online however a burglary report needs to be filed with a member of the police department. If you have been a victim of a burglary, call 9-1-1 in an emergency or 408-615-5580 for non-emergency situations.*

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

Commercial Burglary                      Location: Bowers Park, 2582 Block of Cabrillo Avenue  
Between 1/26/21 at 1800 hours and 1/27/21 at 0730 hours, an unknown subject(s) broke into the storage room at Bowers Park, located at 2582 Cabrillo Avenue

The subject moved items around inside the storage space and stole a tool. The subject(s) remain at large.

Time: 0912

Case Number: 21-127052

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

Weapons                                      Location: Lawrence Expressway and Kifer Road  
An officer observed a vehicle traveling near Lawrence Expressway and Kifer Road without a front license plate. The officer initiated a traffic enforcement stop.

On contact, the officer on-viewed cannabis on the center console and could smell cannabis emanating from the vehicle. A Records check of the male subject revealed he was on Post Release Community Supervision and was subject to search and seizure. A search of the vehicle yielded a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, \$1,108 in cash, a loaded semi-automatic handgun chambered inside the dash of his vehicle and ammunition. The handgun had a threaded barrel and did not have a serial number.

He was arrested and his vehicle was towed.

Time: 1541

Case Number: 21-128108

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

Loud Party                                      Location: 1000 Block of Benton Street  
Public Safety Dispatchers received a call for service on the 1000 block of Benton Street.

On arrival, there were approximately 15 individuals inside the residence and 6 individuals outside. Amplified music was being played and there was alcohol and cannabis present on the premises.

The party was shut down while officers were present, and a police response card was provided.

Time: 2241

Case Number: 21-129183

*NOTE: Public Safety Dispatchers received eight (8) calls for service in the Santa Clara University footprint. Of these, five (5) were issued first response notices. The balance of the calls for service were cleared with a warning or no report. At the writing of the Police Blotter, citations have not yet been issued to property owners and/or property managers.*

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

Proof of Registration

Location: Benton Street and Lawrence Expressway

An officer conducted a Department of Motor Vehicle check on a vehicle traveling westbound on Benton Street towards Lawrence Expressway. The return revealed the registration was expired yet the vehicle displayed a current registration sticker. The officer initiated a traffic enforcement stop.

The male driver was issued a citation and released from the scene.

Time: 1810

Case Number: 21-130130

*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](http://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>*