



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SAUSALITO POLICE ARREST SUBJECT FOR POSSESSION OF A STOLEN CAR AFTER FOOT PURSUIT

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On Friday, March 29, 2019, at approximately 9:09PM, a 1999 Honda Civic passed a Sausalito Police vehicle on Bridgeway. When the Honda passed, the Officer noticed it had an expired 2018 DMV registration sticker on the license plate. The Officer performed a records check on the Honda which confirmed that its registration had expired in September 2018. The records check also revealed that the Honda had been reported stolen in San Francisco earlier in the day.

While Officers were following the Honda in order to set up a traffic stop, the Honda abruptly pulled to the curb and stopped in a parking space in the 1000 block of Bridgeway. The driver and sole occupant of the Honda, Ernest Linton (25-year-old resident of Los Osos, CA) then exited the Honda and ran from the scene. Officers pursued Linton on foot as he ran onto Johnson Street towards Caledonia. During the foot pursuit, Linton climbed over a wall to a business on Caledonia Street and then ran through a closed screen door that led to a small storage/preparation room in the back of a restaurant. Officers caught up to Linton in the storage room and after a short struggle took him into custody. Neither Linton nor the Officers were injured during the incident.

Further investigation revealed that Linton was possibly under the influence heroin and in possession of burglary tools, narcotics paraphernalia and suspected shoplifted merchandise. The Officers' investigation also revealed that Linton was on probation out of San Luis Obispo County for previous narcotics violations and his California Driver's License was suspended.

Linton was arrested and booked into the Marin County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle, driving under the influence, possession of burglary tools, resisting arrest, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, vandalism, and driving upon a suspended driver's license.

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