NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at approximately 12:05 PM
Location: 400 Block of Portofino Drive, San Carlos
Type of Crime/Incident:
- PC 496(a) Possession of Stolen Property (felony)
- PC 530.5 (c)(2) Possession of stolen identification (felony)
- PC 530.5(e) Commit Mail Theft (felony)
- PC 148.3 False Report of an Emergency (felony)
- PC 182 (A)(1) Conspiracy to commit Crime (felony)

Suspects Arrested:
- Lineti Takapuotuafi, 27-year-old, Oakland resident.
- Antoinette Florez, 33-year-old, Fresno resident.

Summary:
On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at around noon, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Deputies assigned to the San Carlos Police Bureau responded to a residence on the 400 block of Portofino Drive in San Carlos. An astute neighbor reported two suspicious people on the property. Upon arrival, Deputies located an unoccupied vehicle with stolen license plates and it appeared to have stolen property inside.

While searching the area, Deputies contacted Lineti Takapuotuafi a few blocks away and she fit the description of one of the suspicious people. While Deputies spoke with her, several 911 calls were made by Antoinette Florez who claimed there was a shooting at a nearby park. Because of the reported shooting, a local elementary school was briefly locked down. Those calls were determined to be “distraction” calls in attempt to have Deputies release Lineti Takapuotuafi. Deputies traced the calls to a nearby residence on the 400 block of Portofino Drive and contacted, Antoinette Florez.

Both women were arrested and booked into the Maguire Jail on the above charges, including a no-bail arrest warrant for Florez.

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office Detective Bureau at 650-599-1536, or you may also remain anonymous by calling the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700.

Release Date: January 21, 2020
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