NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: September 7, 2020 – 5:52 pm
Location: Burton Park, San Carlos
Type of Crime/Incident: Illegal Fireworks

Summary:

San Carlos, CA - San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputies received a report of juveniles lighting fireworks at Burton Park. The reporting party mentioned that a small fire had started in the mulch area of the park's landscape. The fire department responded to the scene learning the reporting party stomped out some smoldering mulch caused by the fireworks. The group of juveniles who were responsible for the fireworks fled the scene on bicycles prior to law enforcement arrival.

In addition to the heat advisory impacting most of the Bay Area, the National Weather Service issued a “Red Flag Warning” through the morning of Wednesday, September 9th. With weather conditions being what they are, the risk of fire increases drastically. The National Weather Service advises residents to exercise extreme caution during the Red Flag Warning. A simple spark could cause a major fire, including the use of equipment and machinery as well as smoking.

The Sheriff’s Office urges parents to remind their children of the importance of fire safety. Increased complaints of illegal fireworks have been a constant burden to emergency services in the City of San Carlos over the Summer months. Parents can help by reminding their children not to light fireworks and by being aware of what their children are doing outside of the house.

Evidence and video surveillance of the incident have been collected for further investigation. Anyone who has information regarding this incident may call the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700.

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