NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: Monday, October 26, 2020 at 9:28 PM

Location: 260 Wellington Drive, San Carlos

Type of Crime/incident: Grass Fire

Suspect: Unknown

Summary:

On Monday, October 26, 2020, at approximately 9:28 PM, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Deputies were dispatched to Arguello Park, located at 260 Wellington Drive in the City of San Carlos, on the report of a grass fire. Deputies responded with the Redwood City Fire Department and located the grass fire, which had burned approximately an acre of vegetation and some eucalyptus trees on a hillside within the park. The fire jumped onto a portion of private property on the 300 block of Phelps Road where it burned and damaged a small metal tool shed. The property was unoccupied at the time the shed caught fire and never threatened the residence. No additional properties or structures were damaged or threatened by the grass fire, which was ultimately extinguished. In addition, no evacuation orders were necessary per the Redwood City Fire Department, who remained in the park overnight monitoring the area to confirm no additional fires were started.

The cause of the fire is under investigation; however, preliminary findings do not suggest the fire was suspicious in any capacity. The investigation is ongoing to locate potential witnesses or surveillance video from the surrounding neighborhood.

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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