



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date: November 23 – December 07, 2021

Location: San Mateo County (San Carlos and Redwood City)

Type of Crime/Incident: 10851 CVC – Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (Multiple Counts)
11378 HS – Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale
496D(a) PC – Possession of Stolen Property
11350 HS – Possession of Controlled Substance

Suspects: **Steven Ramey (37 Years Old)**
Margarita Barragan (Years Old)

Summary: On 11/23/2021, at approximately 1600 hours, VTTF Agents were monitoring a stolen yellow Subaru that had been located by the Sheriff's Office San Carlos Patrol Bureau in the Home Depot parking lot. During surveillance, VTTF Agents observed two suspects, later identified as Steven Ramey and Margarita Barragan, walk up to the vehicle. As Ramey attempted to enter the stolen vehicle, VTTF Agents converged and took him into custody without incident. Barragan, who possessed numerous felony warrants, fled from the area and entered a near-by vehicle (later confirmed stolen) and drove off from the scene.

Ramey was also found to have multiple felony warrants including, possession of stolen property and possession of narcotics for sales. During a search of Ramey and the stolen vehicle, VTTF Agents located large quantities of methamphetamine and suspected fentanyl. During their investigation, VTTF Agents were able to identify evidence linking Barragan to additional felony charges. Ramey was transported and booked into the San Mateo County Jail without incident.

Over the course of the two weeks, VTTF Agents utilized various investigative techniques, and ultimately tracked Barragan to a residence in Redwood City. VTTF Agents, SMCO Narcotics Agents and Detectives from the Gang Investigation Unit, established a perimeter and eventually made entry into the residence. Barragan was ultimately found hiding in a closet with a loaded Privately Made Firearm (PMF) or "Ghost Gun" pistol holding a 30-round high-capacity magazine. Barragan was taken into custody without incident and booked into the San Mateo County Jail.

If you have any additional information or questions, please contact VTTF Special Agent Leddy @ cleddy@smcgov.org



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