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Detention Leads to Drug and Unlawful Possession of Pepper Spray Arrest

During a detention for a city smoking ordinance violation, an adult male was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, illegal possession of pepper spray, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

San Mateo, CA – On March 2, 2026, at 10:31 p.m., an officer with the San Mateo Police Department was patrolling the area of Concar Drive and Pacific Boulevard when two adults were observed in violation of a city smoking ordinance. The individuals were detained for further investigation.

One of the individuals was positively identified as Nathan McGill. A records check revealed that McGill was on searchable probation.

During a probation search, officers located methamphetamine in one of McGill's pants pockets, along with a canister of pepper spray. McGill has multiple prior drug-related convictions and is prohibited from possessing pepper spray. Officers also located drug paraphernalia inside his personal bag.

McGill was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, illegal possession of pepper spray, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the San Mateo County Jail and booked on the listed charges. The second individual was released at the scene.

The San Mateo Police Department encourages community members to remain vigilant and to report suspicious persons or activity. If you see something concerning, please contact SMPD. Trust your instincts — if you see something, say something.

ARRESTED
Nathan McGill, 39-year-old San Francisco resident

CHARGES:
McGill-HS 11395 (B) (1)-Possession of a Controlled Substance with Two or More Priors, PC 22810 (A)-Unlawful Possession of Pepper Spray, HS 11364 (A)-Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia

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