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Duo Arrested for Multiple Violations Following Traffic Stop

During a traffic stop for a registration violation, two adult males were arrested on multiple charges, including drug offenses and possession of ammunition by a prohibited person.

San Mateo, CA – On March 26, 2026, at approximately 9:51 p.m., a San Mateo police officer conducted a traffic stop for a suspended registration violation in the area of S. Norfolk Street and Fashion Island Boulevard. The vehicle was occupied by two adult males, identified as Alvaro Ramos (driver) and Luis Luque.

During the detention, officers observed suspected methamphetamine in plain view inside the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted, during which officers located additional narcotics, ammunition, a driver's license and credit cards belonging to another individual, and drug paraphernalia. Both Ramos and Luque had prior drug possession offenses, and Ramos was also determined to be a convicted felon.

Ramos was ultimately arrested for forging or altering vehicle registration, being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition, possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, and misappropriation of property. Luque was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

Both Ramos and Luque were transported to the San Mateo County Jail, where they were booked on their charges.

The San Mateo Police Department encourages community members to report crime and suspicious activity. If you see something, say something, and contact your local law enforcement agency as soon as it is safe to do so.

ARRESTED
Alvaro Ramos, 47-year-old Bakersfield resident
Luis Luque, 45-year-old Bakersfield resident

CHARGES:
Ramos-VC 4463 (A) (1)-Forge/alter vehicle registration, PC 30305 (A) (1)-Prohibited person in possession of ammunition, HS 11395 (B) (1)-Possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, HS 11364 (A)-Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia, VC 14601.1 (A)-Driving with a suspended license, PC 485-Misappropriation of property

Luque-HS 11395 (B) (1)-Possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, HS 11364 (A)-Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia, HS 11377 (A)-Possession of a controlled substance

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