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MEDIA RELEASE / COMMUNITY ALERT

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Suspect Arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon

An adult male was arrested after striking a victim with a stick during a verbal altercation at a private residence.

San Mateo, CA – On May 9, 2026, at approximately 6:26 p.m., officers from the San Mateo Police Department responded to the 300 block of S. Humboldt Street regarding a report of a verbal disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers learned that during a verbal altercation, an adult male, identified as Elio Argueta Benitez, struck another adult male in the head with a stick, causing visible injury.

Argueta Benitez was detained at the scene. Based on the probable cause established during the investigation, he was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. The victim was medically treated at the scene and declined further medical treatment.

The San Mateo Police Department asks community members to remain alert and assist in reporting crimes and suspicious activity. If you observe suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity, contact SMPD. Trust your instincts — See Something, Say Something.

ARRESTED
Elio Argueta Benitez, 39-year-old San Mateo resident

CHARGES:
Argueta Benitez-PC 245 (A) (1)-Assault with a Deadly Weapon not a Firearm

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