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Traffic Stop Leads to Gun and Drug Sales Arrest

A traffic stop for license plate and cell phone violations led to the arrest of an adult male for carrying a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and multiple drug charges.

San Mateo, CA – On September 10, 2026, at approximately 3:36 p.m., SMPD Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) officers made a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of W. Hillsdale Blvd. and W. Sailor Dr. after witnessing license plate and cell phone violations. While contacting the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Gregory Gamble Jr., officers smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed loose marijuana in the center console.

A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded a loaded 28mm firearm, individually packaged cocaine, individually packaged marijuana, and additional narcotics. Based on the probable cause established during the investigation, Gamble Jr. was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for transportation and sales, possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and possession of marijuana for sale. Gamble Jr. was transported to the San Mateo County Jail, where he was booked on the listed charges.

We ask our community members to stay alert. We need the community's support in reporting crimes and suspicious activity. If you see a suspicious person, vehicle, or activity, call SMPD. Trust your instincts. See Something, Say Something.

ARRESTED
Gregory Gamble Jr., 32-year-old Oakland resident

CHARGES:
11352(a) HS-Transport/sell a controlled substance, 11351 HS-Possess/purchase a controlled substance, 11379(a) HS-Transport a controlled substance, 11370.1(a) HS-Possess a controlled substance with armed with a loaded weapon, 11378 HS-Possess controlled substance for sale, 25850 (a) PC-Carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and 11359 (b) HS-Possession of marijuana for sales

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