



# CRIME BULLETIN

## SEPTEMBER 2016

Information in this report may not include all responses or participation of the Colma Police Department

### Crimes Investigated

#### **Vehicle Burglary**

During the month of September, three (3) vehicles were burglarized within the shopping center parking lots throughout the Town.

#### **Stolen Vehicle**

During the month of September, there were two (2) vehicles reported stolen from auto dealerships.

#### **Alcohol/Drugs**

Patrol officers made a total of fifteen (15) arrests for drug and alcohol related charges, including four (4) arrests for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

#### **Hit and Run and Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

On 9/16/16 at approximately 1910 hours, a hit and run and assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 400 block of B Street. The suspect struck the victim vehicle with his vehicle and fled. While witnesses attempted to assist with getting the suspect to stop, the suspect accelerated and almost hit the second victim with his vehicle. The suspect fled the scene and police were called. After further investigation, patrol officers located the suspect and his vehicle. The suspect was arrested and booked into the San Mateo County Jail.

#### **Indecent Exposure**

On 9/20/16 at approximately 1510 hours, an unidentified male walked into a business located on the 1500 block of Mission Road and exposed his genitals to a female employee. The suspect fled once he saw there was another employee on site. The suspect was not identified and remains at large. The investigation is still ongoing.

#### **IRS Telephone Fraud Scheme**

On 9/26/16, Colma Police were called to a business on the 200 block of Colma Boulevard when an alert employee was concerned that a customer had fallen victim to an IRS telephone fraud scheme.

Officers made contact with the victim and learned that she had been contacted by a female suspect on the telephone who identified themselves as being an agent with the IRS. The

suspect warned the victim that she owed over \$5,000 to the IRS and would need to purchase gift cards and provide her with the gift card account numbers in order to pay down her debt. The victim had purchased nearly \$2,000 in gift cards and provided the suspect with the account numbers before recognizing that she had been scammed.

**WARNING:** The IRS **will not** call you to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first mailing you a bill. They **will not** demand you pay taxes without giving you an opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you own. They **will not** require you to use a specific payment method to pay your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card. They **will not** ask for credit or debit card account numbers over the phone. They **will not** threaten to bring law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying a debt.

For more information on the IRS Telephone Scam, visit:

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/scam-phone-calls-continue-irs-identifies-five-easy-ways-to-spot-suspicious-calls>

### County-Wide Efforts

Officer Mendoza completed his four-week deployment to the San Mateo County Gang Task Force.

Officer Guerrero participated in one San Mateo County Saturation Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) detail.

### September Statistics

Arrests	44
Reports Taken	113
Traffic Citations	68
Parking Citations	61
Automobile Collisions	6

### Total Incidents - 1225

