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Media Release

Case #: 25-1631
Date: 05/02/2025
Time: 6:00 AM
Location: 300 block of Arroyo Dr.

For Immediate Release
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Residential Burglary/ Fraud Suspects Taken into Custody

On May 2, 2025, shortly after 6:00 AM, a residential burglary occurred on the 300 block of Arroyo Drive. The suspect forced entry into the residence and stole an abundance of personal property, including a vehicle, while the residents were away from home. A witness nearby provided a suspect description while investigators discovered a credit card belonging to one of the residents was fraudulently used at a Bay Area casino the day of the burglary. South San Francisco Police detectives conducted extensive follow-up and eventually identified Richard Vaka of Newark as the primary suspect, and Norman Desumala of Fremont as a co-conspirator. Arrest warrants were swiftly obtained for their arrest, and they were taken into custody on June 5, 2025 by Fremont Police personnel during an unrelated contact. Vaka was placed under arrest for violations of First-Degree Burglary, Vehicle Theft, & Grand Theft. Desumala was placed under arrest for Theft and Fraud related offenses. They were booked into the Alameda County Jail, where they are held on bail as well as on-view offenses, and a supplemental hold. This investigation is still on-going.

Arrestee Information (Names of Juveniles Omitted)

☐ Additional Suspect(s)

Last Name: Vaka		First: Richard		Middle:	
Birthdate: 12/15/1988	Age: 36	Height: 6' 1	Weight: 250	Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown
Sex: M	City of Residence: Newark		Occupation:		
Booking Status: Booked- Alameda County Jail					
Charges: 460(A) PC, 10851(A) VC, 487(A) PC					

Last Name: Desumala		First: Norman		Middle: Deocampo	
Birthdate: 10/10/1981	Age: 43	Height: 6'	Weight: 240	Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown
Sex: M	City of Residence: Fremont		Occupation:		
Booking Status: Booked- Alameda County Jail					
Charges: 484(A) PC, 530.5(A) PC, 530.5(C)(2) PC, 12022.1 PC					

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