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**PRESS RELEASE**

**OREGON MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY, AUTO THEFT AND DRUGS**

**DATE:** August 21, 2016  
**LOCATION:** 1000 (block) Pecten Court near Montague Expressway & Interstate 680  
**CASE #:** 16-234-124  
**SUSPECT #1:** Marc Branson Merrill, 34-year-old male, Eugene, Oregon resident  
**STOLEN VEHICLE:** Gray 2016 Hyundai Elantra Sedan

On August 21, 2016, at approximately 10:40 P.M., a Milpitas Police Officer saw an occupied, suspicious gray 2016 Hyundai Elantra parked in front of a closed business on the 1000 (block) of Pecten Court, in Milpitas. A check of the license plate number revealed it was reported stolen from Oakland on August 8, 2016. Officers conducted a high-risk car stop and took the suspect, later identified as Marc Branson Merrill, into custody without incident. Merrill was in possession of methamphetamine (over 4 grams), heroin (over 6 grams), a digital scale, other drug paraphernalia, and burglary tools. Inside the stolen car, officers located forged checks, various electronic equipment, and power tools that were reported stolen from burglaries in the cities of San Jose and Saratoga.

Officers also noticed Merrill matched a county-wide crime bulletin containing surveillance photos of an unidentified suspect responsible for a commercial burglary that occurred at a business in Saratoga on August 8, 2016, and the information was forwarded to the law enforcement agency that disseminated the bulletin. Merrill was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail for auto theft, burglary, forgery, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and possession of a controlled substance.

Press Release By: Sergeant Huy Tran #200  
Date/Time: August 22, 2016; 1:00 A.M.



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