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Incident Date and Time: Saturday, June 4, 2022

Location: 1050 Mission Road, South San Francisco, CA.

Type of Crime/Incident: **Anonymous Gun Buyback Event Results**

Summary:

The County of San Mateo, San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos, South San Francisco Police Chief Scott Campbell, San Bruno Police Chief Ryan Johansen, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback hosted an anonymous gun buyback event in South San Francisco on June 4, 2022. Hundreds of people surrendered weapons, no questions asked, and received \$100 cash for handguns, shotguns, or rifles, and \$200 cash for assault weapons and "ghost guns."

A total of 392 firearms were collected. This total included 7 assault weapons and 12 "ghost" guns, which are untraceable. San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos stated, "The purpose of the gun buyback program is to make the County of San Mateo safer for those who live and work here. Many households in the county have unwanted, unused, and unsecured guns. The purpose of the gun buyback is to get rid of guns, no questions asked. We are providing a place for people to come and dispose of them and get some money in return. We feel this will improve public safety in our county."

Sponsors for Saturday's gun buyback included the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, the South San Francisco Police Department, the San Bruno Police Department, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback.

An additional gun buyback event is being planned for later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Javier Acosta at 650-363-4800.

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