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GEAR bike activation Leads to Successful Apprehension and Multiple Charges

Stanford, CA – Approximately 7:22 pm-A GEAR (Global Electronic Auto Recovery) bike (aka, Bait Bike) activation at the Avery Aquatics center unfolded into a swift and effective law enforcement response, resulting in the apprehension of a suspect on multiple charges.

Deputies were able to track the GEAR bike and stop the suspect. The suspect, a forty-year-old male resident of Sunnyvale, chose to evade the deputies by fleeing into a eucalyptus grove off Palm Drive, hiding in the grove for over ten minutes. The situation took a dramatic turn when deputies managed to flush the suspect out of hiding. In the process, the suspect abandoned the GEAR bike and attempted to flee on foot. Deputies were able to apprehend the suspect after a short foot chase.

During a search of the suspect, deputies discovered several items in the suspect's possession, including burglary tools, a fixed-blade knife, methamphetamine, and a replica firearm. The replica firearm, while ultimately found to be an empty lighter, closely resembled a genuine firearm in appearance.

The suspect was booked on multiple charges, including: Grand theft, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Weapons on School Grounds, Possession of Burglary Tools and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Stanford DPS utilizes GEAR bikes, a specialized tool equipped with advanced tracking and security features, to help in the prevention of bike thefts and recovery of stolen bicycles across the campus.

This incident serves as a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the Stanford Department of Public Safety in ensuring the safety and security of our community. It highlights the effectiveness of utilizing advanced tools like GEAR bikes on our campus to combat bike theft, further underscoring our commitment to safeguarding the property of our students and faculty.
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