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U.S. MARSHALS ARREST SECOND FUGITIVE WHO ESCAPED FROM PALO ALTO COURTHOUSE

OAKLAND, Calif. – On Sunday, the U.S. Marshal-led Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force captured the second armed robbery suspect who escaped from a Palo Alto courthouse earlier this month.

John Bivins, 47, was arrested in the 16000 block of Foothill Blvd. in San Leandro, California, at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Bivins was last seen Tuesday evening at a gas station after fleeing from authorities near a Stockton Walmart. While fleeing, Bivins allegedly attempted to run over a Deputy U.S. Marshal and California Highway Patrol officer. Law enforcement officers tried to stop Bivins, but he managed to elude capture. His alleged accomplice, Tramel McClough, 46, who was with Bivins, ran into the Walmart where he was arrested.

The investigation and collaboration with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, which continued through the Thanksgiving holiday, led investigators to a Fairmont Inn in San Leandro.

Investigators saw Bivins walking out the hotel, at which point, he was approached and ordered to surrender. Bivins was not compliant with the commands of officers and was forced into custody. Additional criminal charges could be filed against Bivins in both state and federal courts, to include escape, felon in possession of a firearm, and attempted murder of a federal agent, and state peace officer. Bivins will be transported back to Santa Clara once treated at a hospital.

U.S. Marshal Don O'Keefe said, "The relentless work of the task force and dedication to work non-stop towards locating and apprehending Mr. Bivins is a perfect example of law enforcement's dedication to protecting our communities. I'm proud to collaborate with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and bringing a dangerous fugitive to justice."

Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith said, "We are extremely pleased that John Bivins is in custody. The capture of John Bivins and Tramel McClough were only possible by the unwavering determination of the U.S. Marshals, Sheriff's Office detectives, and numerous allied agencies. We are grateful for the continued interagency collaboration."

To find information on fugitive's currently being sought by the U.S. Marshals in Northern California, or to submit a tip on the whereabouts of a fugitive, please visit: <http://northerncaliforniamostwanted.org>

The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary federal agency charged with conducting fugitive investigations throughout the country. The U.S. Marshals regularly works in concert with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to seek out and arrest violent fugitives and sex offenders, and has established task forces throughout the nation to facilitate the apprehension of fugitives.

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