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U.S. Marshals arrest second fugitive that escaped from Palo Alto Courthouse

Oakland, CA - John Bivins, 47, was captured by the U.S. Marshal led Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force in the 16000 block of Foothill Blvd in San Leandro, CA at approximately 9:30 am this morning. After the capture of Tramel McClough on Tuesday at a WalMart in Stockton, the task force, which is comprised of a multitude of law enforcement agencies, continued to search for Bivins. Bivins was last seen on Tuesday evening at a gas station, after fleeing from the Stockton Walmart after using a vehicle in an attempt to run over a Deputy U.S. Marshal and California Highway Patrol Officer. Law enforcement officers shot at Bivins when he attempted to run the officers over, but Bivins managed to elude capture.

Relentless investigation and collaboration with the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Office, to include through the Thanksgiving holiday, led investigators to the Fairmont Inn, located in San Leandro.

This morning, 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 law enforcement, 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 Sheriffs 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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