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Incident Date and Time: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Location: 1000 Skyway Road, San Carlos, CA.

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

Summary:

The County of San Mateo, San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos, Redwood City Police Chief Dan Mulholland, Belmont Police Chief Ken Stenquist, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback hosted an anonymous gun buyback event in San Carlos on December 3, 2022. Hundreds of people surrendered weapons, no questions asked, and received \$50 cash for non-functioning firearms, \$100 cash for handguns, shotguns, or rifles, and \$200 cash for assault weapons and "ghost guns."

A total of 288 firearms were collected. This total included 3 non-functioning firearms, 6 assault weapons and 18 "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 Redwood City Police Department, the Belmont Police Department, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback.

Additional gun buyback events are being planned for 2023.

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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