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SAN MATEO POA RAISES \$170,000 FOR VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

The San Mateo POA is pleased to announce that through our combined donation platforms (GoFundMe, PayPal, Venmo and The Police Credit Union) we have greatly exceeded our donation goal of \$125,000 and managed to raise approximately \$170,000 dollars. Every dollar will go to the victim of the heinous and brutal sexual assault that occurred in San Mateo on 08/05/20. The victim sustained serious injuries and has a long recovery ahead of her.

The outpouring of generosity and compassion shown by not just our local community, but also from donors nationwide have been a strong source of comfort and reassurance to the victim and her family. No sentiments or any amount of money can fully restore what was taken from our victim, her family and our community on August 5th. However, the community response to this fundraising campaign, the resolve of the men and women of the San Mateo Police Department along with our allied agency partners to quickly identify and arrest the perpetrator helped restore a sense of security and peace to the streets of San Mateo.

Although violent sexual assaults of this type (by a stranger in public) are rare, they do remind all of us that safety is never guaranteed. It is the hope of the SMPOA that our community continues to stand strong against sexual violence by reporting suspicious activity in a timely fashion, and watching out for each other.

The men and women of the San Mateo POA wish to express our sincerest gratitude to all who have donated to this cause which deeply effected our members and community. We would also like to thank the media for bringing national and regional attention to this fundraising campaign while providing excellent reporting that aided in the capture of the suspect.

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