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## PRESS RELEASE

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**UPDATE**

### Suspect Steals from Grandmother then Flees from Police

Pacifica, CA- On Monday, December 17, 2018 at approximately 5:00 PM, Pacifica Police officers were dispatched to an address on Duran Court for a report of elder financial abuse. The reporting party told officers her live-in adult grandson, 23 year-old Dustin Cottrell, was using her credit cards without her consent. Officers were able to determine Cottrell had accumulated several thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges on his grandmother's credit cards. Through their investigation, officers developed probable cause to arrest Cottrell for Elder Abuse- 368(d) PC and Identity Theft- 530.5(a) PC.

When officers attempted to arrest Cottrell he physically resisted by punching and kicking the officers. Cottrell was able to flee out the front door of the residence. An officer then deployed his canine partner. Cottrell ran back into the house through the open garage door of the residence as the police canine pursued him. Cottrell closed the sliding garage door which struck the canine and pinned him between the garage door and frame. Cottrell was able then able to escape. The officers and police canine did not sustain any significant injuries.

#### **-UPDATE-**

On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at approximately 5:00 PM, Pacifica Police officers were back on scene at an address on Duran Court conducting follow-up investigation in this case. They located Dustin Cottrell in the garage of the home. Police officers were able to take Cottrell into custody without further incident. He was booked at the San Mateo County Jail on charges of financial elder abuse (368(d) PC), violently resisting arrest (69 PC), fraudulently obtaining credit in another's name (530.5 PC), fleeing/resisting lawful arrest (148 PC), and battery against a police officer (243(C)(1) PC).

Refer: Pacifica Police Case 18-3733

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