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Traffic Stop Leads to Firearm and Narcotics Arrest

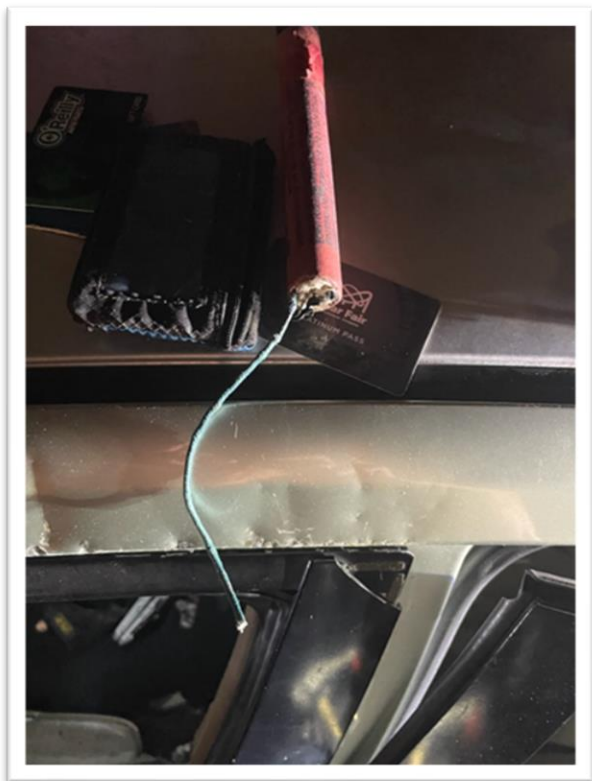
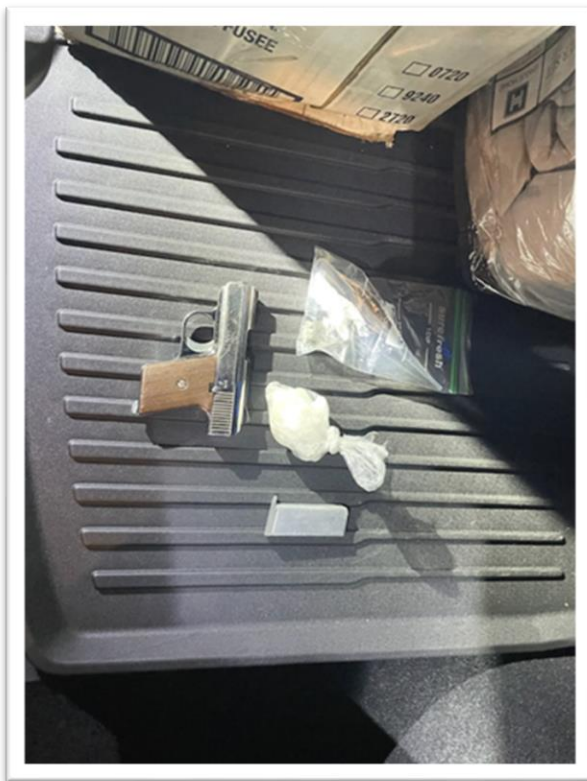
South Pasadena (Calif.) - On Wednesday, January 23, 2024, at 10:49 p.m., South Pasadena police officers conducted a routine traffic stop in the vicinity of Alpha Avenue and Kendall Avenue, resulting in a significant arrest and the removal of hazardous items from the community.

Upon investigating the incident, the driver, identified as Marcos Ventura (30) of Redlands, was found to be in possession of a substantial quantity of methamphetamine concealed in his pocket. The situation escalated when a search of the vehicle uncovered a loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol and additional illicit substances hidden within a concealed compartment in the center console. Most concerning was the discovery of an improvised incendiary device during the search.

In response to the detection of the incendiary device, deputies from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad were promptly called in and successfully rendered the device safe. Marcos Ventura was immediately taken into custody and subsequently booked at Alhambra City Jail.

The South Pasadena Police Department applauds the swift and coordinated efforts of its officers and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad in effectively addressing this potentially hazardous situation.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is urged to call the South Pasadena Police Department at (626) 403-7270. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you can call "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).



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