



# HILLSBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2009  
FROM: CAPTAIN MARK O'CONNOR, 650 375-7565  
TO: NEWS ORGANIZATIONS  
Subject: Arrest of Mail Thief – Kathleen Polito

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On October 6, 2009, at 0346 hours, HPD received a report of a woman crying, in the street, in the area Hayne Road near Barbara Road. The woman had attempted to flag down a passerby stating that she had lost her car. Hillsborough Police Officer Nicholas Chinca arrived and assisted Kathleen Polito in finding her vehicle and then located over 50 pieces of stolen mail inside the vehicle.

Kathleen Polito is on active parole for identity theft and also had, on her person, prescription atropine that was prescribed to another person. Kathleen Polito was arrested for possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance (atropine), an outstanding warrant out of Pacifica PD for resisting arrest and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as well as a 3056PC parole violation.

The investigation determined that she was walking the neighborhood streets stealing mail from curbside mailboxes. Polito parked her car in the 3600 block of Ralston and became disoriented and could not find her way back to her vehicle.

The arrested woman is Kathleen Lynne Polito, age 40, of Daly City. Hillsborough Police initiated a parole search of Polito's home this morning. She has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1998. The vehicle was towed from the scene and she was booked into the San Mateo County Jail for the active warrants as well as possession of stolen property and possession of a designated controlled substance.



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