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**Suspect Arrested in Attempted Burglary
of Mill Valley Home**

Mill Valley, CA – On November 4, 2009 at about 2 PM, sheriff's deputies were called to a residence on Laverne Avenue in Mill Valley to investigate a reported interrupted burglary. The homeowner reported that she saw a man drive by her house three times. The man then backed his older model cream-colored Mercedes up the driveway to her house. The man then walked up the side of her home and attempted to open the gate that accessed the back yard of her home. When the homeowner confronted the man, he said something about wondering if she needed yard work done and then ran to his car and fled the area.

Based on information provided to the investigating deputies, deputies were able to identify a possible suspect who was known to drive a similar car as described by the homeowner.

About 45 minutes later, Deputy Josh Thaller located the suspect near the suspect's home in San Rafael. Deputy Thaller stopped the vehicle and the victim identified the driver of the vehicle as the burglary suspect, Gary Peralta, a 52 year old resident of San Rafael.

Peralta is also on probation for petty theft. Peralta was booked into the Marin County Jail for charges of attempted burglary and possession of marijuana, as well as violation of probation.

Peralta is scheduled to appear in court on November 5, 2009 at 1:30 PM in department M. He is being held without bail on the probation violation and on \$50,000 bail for the burglary charge.

Anyone with information can call the sheriff's office at 415-499-7233 or Bay Area Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS and possibly receive a cash reward.