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## Police Arrest Driver with Loaded Guns

**Ekene Ikeme**

Alameda police officers arrested two men for possession of loaded firearms the night before Thanksgiving.

Alameda Police Department (APD) officers confiscated the two firearms, one stolen, along with an extended clip, from the vehicle during the arrest. Jeffrey Aguilar and Jowuan Jones, both 23, were arrested for multiple charges. Both men were charged with possession of a firearm.

Aguilar was charged with being on active parole for burglary, parolee in possession of a firearm and for violating his parole. Jones was also charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm with an active search clause for burglary and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

The arrest occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8:14 p.m. on Walnut Street. An APD officer witnessed a vehicle run a stop sign, according to a report on the APD Facebook page. The reporting officer also noticed the vehicle had no front plate and a paper plate on the rear. The officer made a U-turn to approach the vehicle in an attempt

to conduct a traffic-enforcement stop, but the driver quickly made a turn to evade the officer. However, the driver of the vehicle drove into a dead-end alley.

The driver tried to reverse out of the alley, but by then he was blocked off by the officer's vehicle. The officer activated his overhead lights and ordered the driver to stop and turn off the vehicle. The officer called for backup after realizing there were four people inside the vehicle, according to reports. Once backup officers arrived, all four occupants exited the vehicle without resistance, according to reports.

Officers also confiscated bolt cutters and a ski mask from inside the vehicle. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license. He was released at the scene. The fourth passenger of the vehicle had no warrants and was also released at the scene.

Both Aguilar and Jones are currently being held at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin without bail. Aguilar is on probation for first-degree burglary from an incident that took place in August 2017. He was sentenced to five years of probation beginning Feb. 22, 2018. His probation revocation hearing is set for Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 according to Alameda County records. Jones does not have any scheduled hearings.

Rob Stoffle was the reporting APD officer.

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Alameda Police Department

Alameda police confiscated these guns from a driver who ran a stop sign.

## Don't Fall for Phone Scam

**Sun Staff Reports**

Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) warns the public it has received reports of scam calls demanding immediate payment from customers, saying their electric accounts will be disconnected. The scammers ask customers to pay their AMP bills at CVS, according to customers. In addition, the scammers spoof caller-ID information to make it appear that their calls are from AMP.

Any call demanding immediate payment on an account is suspicious. AMP will never ask for credit or debit card numbers and only provides automated courtesy calls to accounts that are already delinquent. When in doubt, don't give out any information.

Call Alameda Police Department to report suspicious calls at 337-8340.

## Laws for Safer Streets

**Part four of four**  
**Dennis Evanosky**

I would like to end this four-part series about traffic in the Island City by reminding motor-vehicle drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians that they all must obey the law. Bike Walk Alameda offers safety tips and a look at some of these laws at [www.bikewalkalameda.org/pedestrian-safety-tips-and-laws](http://www.bikewalkalameda.org/pedestrian-safety-tips-and-laws).

For automobiles, driving the posted speed limit does not necessarily mean obeying the law. For bicyclists, riding on most of sidewalks in town does not mean they can ride on all the sidewalks in Alameda. For pedestrians, having the right of way does not give them the right to simply step out into oncoming traffic.

The State of California has a "basic speed law." This requires motor-vehicle operators to never drive faster than is safe for conditions. The speed limit on High Street is 25 miles per hour. However, a driver is disobeying this basic law when traveling at the posted speed at Santa Clara Avenue



City of Alameda

APP has asked the Planning Board to all cost-cutting changes to both the building on Block 11 and Waterside Park, pictured here.

## Park Plan Downsized

**Dennis Evanosky**

At a public hearing during Monday's meeting, Alameda Point Partners (APP) asked the Planning Board to allow changes that would scale back both the building on Block 11 on Seaplane Lagoon and the adjacent Waterfront Plaza.

Among the changes APP wishes for the building are a reduction in the footprint from 453,422 to 377,381 square feet, reduction in the average unit size in from 1,100 to approximately 930 square feet and changes in the distribution of unit sizes, an increasing the one-bedroom units from 61 to 127,

decreasing the two-bedroom units from 113 to 73 and the number of three-bedroom units from 40 to 20 units. APP also hopes to eliminate the six townhomes it planned to build on the ground floor facing Pan Am Way and reduce the size of the building's retail area from 21,947 square feet to 15,449 square feet. APP also told the Planning Board that redesigning the building's storm-water system from the mechanical to a gravitational-flow system would reduce costs.

In its report to the Planning Board, city staff voiced their support of the proposed changes to Building 11. "Housing construction

costs in the Bay Area are some of the highest in the nation and are growing, staff stated in their report. "In response, unit sizes are shrinking across the Bay Area and in Alameda and many in the region are advocating for smaller units as a key strategy to address the need for more housing and more affordable housing.

APP also asked the board to allow changes to the adjacent Waterfront Park. These changes involve altering already approved plans to public property, rather than to private property, as was the case with Building 11. One change will be done with both staff and Recreation and Parks Department support: replacing the planned-for palm trees with Purple Robe Locust shade trees. "Increasing the amount of shade by switching out palms to shade trees reduces the urban heat island effect. The shade trees are appropriate at this location particularly because it covers the picnic area," staff stated in their report.

However replacing the more expensive salvaged-wood deck with a wood-stamped deck and revising the amount and types of seating in the park met some opposition. "This Waterfront Park is a promised and prominent public amenity that should not suffer changes because the developer's construction costs are rising," Richard Bangert wrote in his blog "Alameda Point Environmental Report."

"The city has been very accommodating over the past few years in approving a number of changes to the development agreement requested by the developer," Bangert stated. He cited delayed Sports Complex funding, modified construction milestone requirements and modified construction phasing as examples. "This one should be rejected."

No decision was reached at Monday's meeting.



Courtesy photo



Shelley Anderson.

## Holiday Offerings Abound Around Town

**Eric J. Kos**

Alameda's holiday season presents several opportunities to revel with locals.

### Sing-It-Yourself Messiah

Above left, The community will perform George F. Handel's oratorio *The Messiah* this Saturday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Alameda, 2001 Santa Clara Ave. Admission is free. The program, was first performed at First Presbyterian 25 years ago.

Two Alameda musicians and choir directors, the late Bonnie

Horlbeck, former music director at First Presbyterian, and Donna Danielson, former music director at First Congregational Church, began the tradition.

Everyone is invited to sing or listen. The chorus is comprised of the entire audience, hence the name "Sing-It-Yourself." Four soloists will perform the various arias in the oratorio, accompanied by an orchestra of local musicians.

For further information, see [www.alamedasingityourselfmessiah.org](http://www.alamedasingityourselfmessiah.org) or [www.asiym.org](http://www.asiym.org).

### "Star of Wonder" Concert

Above right, members of the choir at First Congregational Church of Alameda are ready to perform as part of the church's annual Christmas concert, "Star of Wonder," Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. Hear music to celebrate the Christmas season across musical genres featuring the Chancel Choir, Resounding Joy Handbell Choir, soloists, duets, rap, carols, steel drums and other instruments.

The concert will make the church's 140th musical celebra-

tion of the season. Admission is free or by donation to benefit the Alameda Midway Shelter. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

The church is located at 1912 Central Ave. and is wheelchair accessible.

### Live Oak Concert

This Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will host a concert of music celebrating Christmas, Hannukkah and the Solstice. Admission is free. Following the

music a Winter Solstice service will be held. The concert takes place at Christ Episcopal Church, 1700 Santa Clara Ave. Learn more at [www.uuliveoak.org](http://www.uuliveoak.org).

### Christmas Tree Lane

Christmas Tree Lane lightings continue evenings through Jan. 1, 2020, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. on the 3200 block of Thompson Avenue. Most houses are decorated for the holidays and other surprises. Santa appearances run 6:30 to 8 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 22, weather permitting.