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Alameda County Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Serving in San Leandro Arrested on Alleged Charges of Child Pornography Possession

San Leandro, CA – Chuck Harris, a firefighter/paramedic with the Alameda County Fire Department serving in San Leandro, has been arrested on alleged charges of possession of child pornography. Mr. Harris, a resident of Greeley Hill in Mariposa County, was arrested in San Leandro on Sunday, Jan. 8, by the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office, the Central California and Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, and the FBI.

“These allegations, if proven true, are deeply concerning and undermine the public’s trust in our public safety service,” noted Mayor Juan Gonzalez. “We will work closely with our partner agencies to ensure that justice is served. Each day, our community places its trust in our public safety staff, and we absolutely understand the anger and disappointment caused by the arrest of a first responder.”

Mr. Harris is on paid administrative leave per his collective bargaining agreement as an employee of the Alameda County Fire Department. The City will provide additional information when possible and in accordance with all laws.

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