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Police Arrest Suspect and Recover a Stolen Vehicle

South Pasadena (Calif.) - On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:52 A.M., the South Pasadena Police Department received an alert from the department's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system of a stolen gold Chevrolet pickup truck entering the City.

Officers responded to the area and located the Chevrolet in the 1300 block of Fremont Avenue. Police Department staff verified that the vehicle was stolen and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, 41-year-old Pasadena resident Sanjay Varma, was taken into custody without incident. During the arrest, officers found Varma in possession of an "Arrow" key, a commonly used burglary tool to open U.S. Postal mailboxes.

Officers quickly learned that Varma was on Postrelease Community Supervision (PRCS), and a parole hold was placed on him. Varma was subsequently booked for grand theft of a vehicle and possession of burglary tools.

We encourage anyone with information to call the South Pasadena Police Department at 626-403-7297. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you may call "Crime Stoppers" at 800-222-TIPS (8477).

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