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Suspect Arrested Vandalizing Sports Park

Pleasanton, Calif. – At approximately 1:00 AM on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 an alert citizen reported a pickup truck driving through the Pleasanton Sports Park located at 5800 Parkside Drive. When officers arrived on scene, they spotted a dark pickup truck driving in circles on the sports fields. Upon noticing the arrival of police officers, the driver turned off the headlights of the pickup truck and briefly attempted to flee. Officers quickly caught up to the pickup truck, at which point the driver decided to yield.

The driver of the pickup truck was identified as 21 year-old Imran Meskienyar of Castro Valley. Large portions of the turf in the Pleasanton Sports Park were found to have been damaged by Meskienyar driving his pickup recklessly on the wet grass. The exact cost of the damage has not yet been determined.

Meskienyar was arrested on a felony vandalism charge and was booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. The City of Pleasanton will be seeking restitution for the cost to repair the turf.

All City of Pleasanton Parks are closed to the public after dusk unless the park is lit for a sanctioned event. The Pleasanton Police Department encourages the public to report suspicious activity. This is a great example of proactive community members and the police working together to maintain the safety and quality of life enjoyed in Pleasanton.

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