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### Pleasanton Puma Safely Relocated

*Mountain Lion Hiding in Commercial Area Results in Multi-Agency Response*

PLEASANTON, Calif. – On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 2:40 p.m. the Pleasanton Police Department received a report of a mountain lion sighting in the parking lot area of 3825 Hopyard Road. After locating the large cat, officers requested the assistance of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, who have jurisdiction over wildlife calls. The Alameda County Sherriff’s Office Drone Team also responded to provide assistance in watching the animal.

Due to the commercial nature of the area, the potential hazard to people nearby and potential danger to the cat, a determination was made to tranquilize the animal and safely remove it from the area. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife administered four applications of immobilization drugs before the mountain lion was sedated enough to be relocated.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Captain Patrick Foy stated the agency successfully released the mountain lion back into the wild. He said, “A 75-80 pound male mountain lion was released in the early morning hours of October 30<sup>th</sup> after its capture the evening before. Wildlife officers placed it in a small depression in the ground to protect it from the cold and wind and monitored it for several hours until it fully awoke from the immobilization drugs. Around 1:30 a.m. the lion wandered off on its own into a very remote location in the Sunol Regional Wilderness. The exact location of the release site will not be disclosed to maximize the mountain lion’s successful re-introduction to the wild.” He also thanked responding agencies who were involved in the successful capture. A photo, courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, of the mountain lion’s release is included for reference.



All involved hope that the mountain lion, affectionately referred to as the Pleasanton Puma, thrives in a territory of its own. The Pleasanton Police Department would like to extend a big thank you to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Alameda County Sherriff's Office, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Paramedics Plus for their assistance.

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