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INFORMATION RELEASE

Emergency Radio Broadcast Initiates Water Rescue

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On Saturday, January 23, 2010, at approximately 2:15 PM, Deputies Jonathan Mazer and Joe Pinder monitored a "Mayday" radio broadcast on Marine Band 16. The deputies who were in the area of the Mare Island Straits contacted the United States Coast Guard to see if they could provide any further information pertaining to the radio broadcast. As they were waiting for a response from the Coast Guard, they observed 2 red flares being fired from a 40' sailboat approximately ¼ mile from their location. They responded to the location of the boat, which was in front of the California Maritime Academy. They contacted 2 passengers on board who were from Quebec, Canada. The two passengers, who were not injured, reported that they were taking on water and starting to sink. The deputies assisted them by towing their boat to safety with the assistance of the United States Coast Guard.

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