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PRESS RELEASE

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Arson and Burglary Suspect Arrested

Pacifica, Ca- On May 17, 2023 Pacifica Police Officers responded to a school on the 900 block of Oceana Boulevard to investigate a possible burglary that occurred overnight. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that during the early morning hours an unknown suspect had entered the campus. The suspect proceeded to ignite one of the exterior classroom windows on fire and then broke the window, making entry into the classroom. Upon making entry, the suspect stole numerous items before fleeing the school campus.

Surveillance video from the school was later provided to police. A suspect description was obtained and disseminated to officers in an effort to identify and locate the unknown suspect.

On May 19, 2023 at approximately 5:10 p.m., an employee of the school who had seen the surveillance video was in the area of the Manor Plaza Shopping Center when they saw the suspect and notified police. Responding officers began to canvass the surrounding neighborhoods and subsequently located the subject crossing over State Route 1 via the pedestrian overcrossing south of Manor Drive. Upon seeing the officers closing in, the suspect attempted to flee however, he was safely and quickly apprehended.

The suspect in this investigation has been identified as 26-year-old Michael Gonzalez of Las Vegas, Nevada. Gonzalez was further linked to this burglary through stolen property that was recovered during this investigation. Gonzalez was placed under arrest and booked at the San Mateo County Jail for violation of 460(B) PC – Burglary, 451(D) PC – Arson, and 496(A) PC – Possession of Stolen Property.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Pacifica Police Department at 650-738-7314, or the Silent Witness Tip Line at 650-359-4444. Refer to case 23-1292

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