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San Francisco Police Make Arrest in Pier 14 News Crew Robbery

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On July 27, 2015 San Francisco Police Investigators, with the assistance of the Oakland and Fremont Police Departments, arrested a person responsible for a television news crew robbery during which cameras from NBC Bay Area and Fox-2 were stolen. The news crews were conducting a follow-up story to the recent homicide at Pier 14 when they were robbed at gun point by two armed suspects and a third suspect who was acting as a getaway driver. The robbers assaulted a cameraman and took the two cameras from the news crews.

Investigators combed through the evidence and with the assistance of Oakland Police Department Special Investigations Unit, they identified a black BMW 7 Series sedan that matched the description of the vehicle used in the Pier 14 robbery. Using the information regarding the vehicle, San Francisco Police Investigators identified Michael Anthony Jones, 23, of San Francisco as a suspect in this case.

Officers from the San Francisco Police Department conducted surveillance and located Jones and the BMW at a Motel 6 in Fremont, California. With the assistance of the Fremont Police Department, Jones was arrested after a brief foot pursuit as he was leaving a room at the motel in Fremont. Jones is known to have affiliation to a San Francisco gang. He was later booked into San Francisco County Jail on charges of: robbery, aggravated assault, grand theft and conspiracy. He was also booked on several outstanding warrants for crimes including: burglary, narcotics, hit and run and evading peace officers. Jones was also on felony probation in San Francisco for a prior firearm offense. Jones remains in custody.

This is still an active and ongoing investigation and SFPD Investigators are still looking for additional suspects. The San Francisco Police Department would like to thank the Oakland and Fremont Police Departments for their assistance in making this arrest which came just weeks after the robbery. “We’ve known for a long time that many criminals move back and forth across the Bay,” said Police Chief Greg Suhr. “This investigation represents just one example of the spirit of cooperation between Bay Area Law Enforcement.” “Currently, there are several Oakland Police Recruits attending the SFPD Academy and as those Oakland Officers make connections and build relationships with San Francisco Police Officers, we can expect this spirit of team work to continue.”

A booking photo will not be released as there are pending identification matters.

Anyone with further information is encouraged to submit a tip on the SFPD Anonymous Tip Line at (415) 575-4444 or Text A Tip to TIP411 and include “SFPD” at the beginning of the message.



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