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San Francisco Police Arrest Suspect for Invasion of Privacy 23-037

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On November 15, 2022, a victim walked into Northern Police Station to file a police report regarding possibly being secretly recorded inside a dressing room of a clothing cleaners located on the 1100 block of Divisadero St. The victim stated that at approximately 11:50 am she entered the business to have a clothing item to be altered. When she was in the dressing room, she noticed a clock inside. When she left the business, she discovered that the clock was possibly a discrete camera used for home security and reviews mentioned that other women had been harassed by a male employee. This caused the victim to be concerned that other people had been secretly recorded including herself.

The SFPD Special Victims Unit (SVU) was assigned to investigate this Invasion of Privacy and Suspicious Acts Towards Females. The investigation revealed 5 other victims had filed police reports documenting similar incidents in which the male employee placed a clock inside the fitting room and constantly adjusted it throughout their fittings raising suspicions about the use of the clock inside the fitting room. All the victims expressed concern that the employee was requesting that they undress for their clothes to be altered while being recorded.

Through the course of the investigation, the suspect was identified as 31-year-old Andrew Hong of San Francisco. On March 25, 2023, at approximately 8:30 am SVU Investigators obtained a search warrant which they served for Hong's residence and the related business. Investigators located Hong on the unit block of Lobos St. and arrested him for 6 misdemeanor counts of the invasion of privacy (647(j)(1) PC). Investigators located and seized evidence as a result of the search warrant.

If you visited a clothing cleaner on the 1100 block of Divisadero St. in the last year and have information you believe would assist this investigation, please contact the SFPD Tip Line or SVU at [415-553-9225](tel:415-553-9225) and reference Case# 220787181.

While an arrest has been made, these incidents remain open investigations. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the San Francisco Police Department SFPD 24-hour-tip line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444), or Text a Tip to [TIP411](tel:415-575-4444) and begin the message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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