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SFPD Make Arrest in Castro District Hate Crime 23-063

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On June 5, 2023, at approximately 11:52 a.m., San Francisco Police officers from Mission Station responded to the area of 18th and Hartford Streets for a report of an aggravated assault. Dispatch obtained a description of the suspect and broadcast it to the responding officers.

Officers located a male that matched the description in the area of Dolores Park. As officers attempted to detain the suspect, the suspect fled on foot. Following a brief foot pursuit, officers detained the suspect in the area of 18th and Church Streets.

Officers met with the victims, a 40-year-old male and a 58-year-old male, who stated the unknown male suspect was following them on foot while simultaneously aggressively shouting anti-LGBTQ language. The suspect then threw a glass object at them causing the 40-year-old male victim to sustain a non-life-threatening injury.

During the investigation, officers developed probable cause to arrest the 20-year-old male suspect, identified as Muhammed Abdullah.

Abdullah was later booked at San Francisco County Jail #1 for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon (245(a)(1) PC), two counts of committing a hate crime (422.6(a) PC), and resisting arrest (148(a)(1) PC).

“These kinds of attacks are unacceptable,” Chief of Police William Scott said. “It’s especially troubling that this incident took place as we celebrate Pride month in San Francisco. Anyone who threatens or harms someone based on being a member of the LGBTQ community will be held accountable.”

While an arrest has been made, this remains an open investigation. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call the SFPD Tip Line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or Text a Tip to [TIP411](text:TIP411) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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