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SFPD Make Arrest in Robbery of Board of Supervisor Member

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On December 18, 2015, San Francisco Police arrested 40 year-old Lasonya Wells, a resident of San Francisco, in the extortion and robbery of a Board of Supervisor member.

On December 18, 2015, at 5:45 PM, Mission Station officers were flagged down by a bank security guard and the city supervisor in the area of 16th St and Mission St. The city supervisor advised that his cell phone had been taken by the suspect, later identified as Wells. The city supervisor negotiated with Wells for the return for his phone in exchange for U.S. Currency.

The city supervisor was escorted by Wells and two other suspects to an ATM where Wells then demanded that the city supervisor member give her U.S. Currency. The city supervisor withdrew US Currency and provided it to Wells who in turn returned his phone to him through a third party. All suspects subsequently fled the scene.

Mission Station investigators in coordination with investigators from the Special Investigations Division immediately began a canvass of the area for witnesses and evidence in an attempt to identify the suspects. Mission Station investigators obtained evidence which led to the identity and arrest of Wells at her residence.

The investigation is ongoing as investigators continue to review information which may help identify the additional suspects. No further information is available at this time.

Lasonya Wells was booked on the following charges:

One felony count of Kidnapping for Ransom or Extortion, One felony count of Kidnapping, One felony count of Extortion or Blackmail, One felony count of Robbery with Force, One felony count of Grand Theft from a person, Two counts of possession of stolen property and a probation violation.

Anyone with any further information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Sgt. Maricela Sainez of the Special Investigations Division at 415-553-1265 or the Anonymous Tip Line at 415-575-4444.

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