

1. [Home](#)

Suspect in 1990 Homicide Arrested in Santa Barbara County 21-070

March 19, 2021 | 8:02 PM

Share:

- [facebook](#)
- [twitter](#)
- [linkedin](#)
- [email](#)

[View PDF](#)

On November 5, 1990, at approximately 6:25 AM, San Francisco Police officers responded to a reported shooting on the 200 block of Potrero Avenue. Officers located the victim, 46-year-old Lamar Vaughn who was suffering from a gunshot wound. Vaughn was transported to San Francisco General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

San Francisco Police Department Homicide Inspectors determined that Vaughn and the suspect had been involved in an argument prior to the shooting. Investigators identified the suspect as James Francis Edwards, then 40 years old, and obtained an arrest warrant for Murder and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. As the investigation continued, investigators learned that Edwards used multiple identities and likely fled the state.

On March 17, 2021, at approximately 3:32 PM, deputies from the San Barbara County Sheriff's Office were conducting a welfare check on another individual on the 1000 block of Casitas Pass Road in Carpinteria, CA. The deputies contacted Edwards, and after running a records check, determined that he was wanted on a 1990 homicide warrant from San Francisco. As of the date of this news release, Edwards remains in the custody of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff, pending his transfer to the San Francisco County Jail.

We would like to thank the members of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in locating and apprehending Edwards and helping return him to San Francisco where he will be held to answer for the criminal charges.

Tags

Featured

News Release

This news content is displayed in its original format and preserved for historical reference. If you need assistance accessing this content in an accessible format, please [contact us](#).

Featured News

SFPD Announced \$25,000 reward increase in a 2001 Homicide #26-017

February 18, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release

SFPD Arrests Richmond District Shooting Suspect #26-016

February 12, 2026 | 1:30 PM

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release

SFPD Arrests Suspect in Tenderloin Homicide #26-015(a)

February 11, 2026 | 4:00 PM

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release

SFPD Investigates Homicide in the Tenderloin District #26-015

February 11, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release