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SFPD Makes Arrest in Grant Avenue Homicide 23-043(a)

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On April 23, 2023, at approximately 10:58 p.m., San Francisco Police officers from Central Station responded to the area of Grant and Columbus Avenues for a report of a shooting. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Despite efforts from officers and medical personnel, he was declared deceased at the scene. The victim was later identified as 23-year-old Isaiah Thomas of Suisun City.

Officers located two additional shooting victims nearby, both 24-year-old males from Sacramento County. Officers rendered aid and summoned medics to the scene. The two victims were transported to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Two additional shooting victims, a 22-year-old male, later identified as Malachi Lefiti of Oakland, and a 20-year-old female from Contra Costa County were transported separately to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries prior to police arrival.

Investigators interviewed involved parties and several witnesses. A preliminary investigation indicates that Thomas, Lefiti, and additional suspects were attempting to rob the victims at gunpoint. During the incident, an altercation ensued, which

resulted in Thomas, Lefiti, and three victims being shot.

On April 24, 2023, Lefiti was taken into custody by San Francisco Police officers without incident. Lefiti was later transported to San Francisco County Jail where he was booked on charges of homicide (187(a) PC), three counts of attempted homicide (664/187(a) PC), attempted robbery (664/211 PC), conspiracy (182(a) PC), possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (29800(a)(1) PC), and a gang enhancement (186.22(a) PC).

This incident remains under investigation by the SFPD Homicide Detail. Investigators believe this is an isolated incident and do not believe this shooting was random.

While an arrest has been made and this remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD 24-hour Tip Line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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