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SFPD Arrests Aggravated Assault Suspect Linked to Multiple Organized Retail Thefts 23-120

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On 08/10/23 at approximately 2359 hours, SFPD officers assigned to Tenderloin Station responded to the area of McAllister St and Leavenworth St regarding a report of an aggravated assault.

Officers met with a 63-year-old male victim who stated that he observed multiple suspects attempting to rob someone. The victim attempted to intervene on behalf of the robbery victim, when two female suspects began assaulting him. Each female suspect kicked the victim when he was on the ground. The victim suffered serious injuries as a result of the assault. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released for his injuries. This incident was documented under SFPD Inc 230566038.

SFPD General Work Detail is leading this investigation. On 09/14/23 investigators requested that SFPD officers be on the lookout for the suspects.

On 09/15/23 officers who were assigned to the Tenderloin District observed one of the suspects in the area of 7th Street and Market Street. Officers detained and identified Savannah Church, a 24-year-old female, who was placed under arrest and booked at the San Francisco County Jail for the listed charges:

(2nd degree robbery 211 PC), (Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury 245(a)(4) PC), Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury), (Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury 243(d) PC), Inflict Great Bodily Injury 12022.7(a) PC), Resisting and Delaying Arrest 148(a)(1) PC).

Despite the arrest, General Work investigators continued to investigate this incident. Through the course of their investigation, they were able to connect Church to a series of organized retail thefts (10) that occurred in San Francisco. Church was charged with crimes related to the organized retail thefts. Those charges are as follows: 10 counts of (Organized Retail Crime 490.4(a)(1) PC), 10 counts of (Grand Theft 487(a) PC), 10 counts (2nd degree Burglary 459 PC).

Altogether, these retail thefts amounted to approximately \$44,000 in stolen merchandise.

The related incidents are as follows:

Inc 230282325: On 04/23/23, three suspects entered a retail store located on the 3200 block of 20th Avenue, stole store merchandise, and then fled without paying.

Inc 230346545: On 5/19/23 seven suspects entered a retail store located on the unit block of Powell Street, stole store merchandise, and fled without paying. In addition to Church, three other suspects were identified and arrested in relation to this incident.

The arrested were as follows:

- 17-year-old male: (Organized Retail Crime 490.4(a)(1) PC), (Grand Theft 487(a) PC), (2nd degree Burglary 459 PC). The juvenile was booked at the Juvenile Justice Center.
- 17-year-old male: (Organized Retail Crime 490.4(a)(1) PC), (Grand Theft 487(a) PC), (2nd degree Burglary 459 PC). The juvenile was cited and released to the Community Assessment Referral Center (CARC).
- 14-year-old female: (Organized Retail Crime 490.4(a)(1) PC), (Grand Theft 487(a) PC), (2nd degree Burglary 459 PC). The juvenile was cited and released to the Community Assessment Referral Center (CARC).

Inc 230400107: On 06/10/23, four suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 236156227: On 07/20/23, four suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 230584949: On 08/17/23 four suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 236162810: On 08/21/23 nine suspects entered a retail store on the 2400 block of San Bruno Avenue, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 230598984: On 08/22/23 three suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying. During the course of this theft, one of the suspects, who was not Church, knocked down a store employee. The store employee was transported to a local hospital where they were treated and released for non-life-threatening injuries.

Inc 236163777: On 08/24/23 five suspects entered a retail store on the 1100 block of Potrero Avenue, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 236181105: On 08/30/23 five suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

Inc 236181462: On 09/04/23 three suspects entered a retail store located on the 400 block of Mission Street, stole store merchandise, then fled without paying.

These all remain active and ongoing investigations. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at [1-415-575-4444](tel:415-575-4444) or text a tip to [TIP411](https://www.sfpd.org/tip411) and begin the message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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