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SFPD Arrests Suspect in Connection to Several Violent Crimes 23-123

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Suspect connected to three stabbings and an aggravated assault on Market Street

On Sunday, October 1st, 2023, San Francisco Police officers arrested a subject connected to four attacks that occurred on Market Street between 4th Street and Battery Street. The attacks happened within minutes of each other. Officers simultaneously investigated multiple crime scenes, working together to identify and arrest the suspect. Due to the extraordinary effort and teamwork of SFPD officers from multiple districts, the SFPD was able to stop the violent offender from continuing his unprovoked attacks against the public. The SFPD would like to thank the witnesses and bystanders who assisted the victims in their time of need.

A summary of the incidents which occurred on October 1st is as follows:

SFPD Case# 230704545

At approximately 07:34 a.m., SFPD officers assigned to Tenderloin Station responded to the 800 block of Market Street to investigate a report of a person bleeding. When officers arrived, they located an elderly male victim who was bleeding from the face. Officers immediately rendered aid and summoned medics to the scene who transported the victim to a local hospital where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. A witness to the incident reported that the victim, who was traveling in a wheelchair, was approached by an unknown subject, later identified as Effrim Baker. Baker assaulted the victim without provocation. A bystander also witnessed the assault and intervened. Baker fled from the scene.

SFPD Case# 230704705

At approximately 08:00 AM, Central Station officers responded to the area of Market Street and Battery Street to investigate a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male victim with an apparent stab wound. The victim told officers that the suspect approached him, and then stabbed him with an unknown object, before fleeing on Market Street. Through their investigation, officers determined that this incident was the first act of violence committed by the suspect; however, the victim fled to a safe location before contacting the police.

SFPD Case# 230704595

At approximately 08:05 a.m., Tenderloin Station officers responded to the 800 block of Market Street to a reported stabbing. When officers arrived, they located an adult male victim suffering from apparent stab wounds. Officers summoned medics to the scene who transported the victim to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The victim was standing on the 800 block of Market Street when the suspect approached him and stabbed him without any provocation.

SFPD Case# 230704589

At approximately 08:10 a.m., while Tenderloin officers were still working on the aggravated assault that had occurred on the 800 block of Market Street, additional Tenderloin officers responded to the 900 block of Market Street to investigate another reported stabbing. When officers arrived, they located Baker, walking away from the area with a fixed blade-edged weapon in his hands. Officers detained Baker without incident.

At this fourth scene officers located an adult male victim suffering from an apparent stab wound. Officers rendered aid and summoned medics who transported the victim to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Officers discovered that Baker and the victim had struggled over the victim's property which subsequently led to the victim being stabbed by Baker.

The SFPD Night Investigations Unit is the lead on these investigations. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the suspect, identified as Effrim Baker, a 60-year-old male from San Francisco, for three stabbings and aggravated assault. Baker was transported to San Francisco County Jail where he was booked for the following charges: Three counts of (Aggravated Assault 245(a)(4) PC), (Elder Abuse 368(b)(1) PC), three counts of (Attempted Homicide 664/187(a) PC), (Aggravated Assault with a weapon (245(a)(1) PC), (Robbery 211 PC).

While an arrest has been made, these incidents remain open and active investigations. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) 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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