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SFPD Arson Task Force Makes Quick Arson Arrest #26-143

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Suspect Connected to Multiple Richmond District Incidents

On November 12, 2026, SFPD Arson Task Force was assigned to investigate a case that involved a suspect that vandalized a vehicle and then set a fire to nearby bushes in the Richmond District the day prior. That same day, and a short distance from the first incident, SFPD Richmond patrol officers documented a reported vandalism to a home.

Richmond District officers located surveillance footage in each of the areas and quickly suspected the two incidents were connected. SFPD Arson Investigators took over the investigation and confirmed the same adult male was responsible for each of the incidents.

On November 15, 2026, investigators generated a Crime Alert and the suspect was quickly identified as twenty-eight-year-old Gaspar Chablechan. With the totality of evidence and positive identification, investigators developed probable cause to arrest Chablechan for arson, vandalism, and outstanding warrants.

On November 18, 2026, officers located Chablechan in the Richmond District. Chablechan was arrested for a felony violation of 451(c) PC, willfully and maliciously

setting a fire, a misdemeanor violation of 594(b)(2) PC, for the damage to the victim vehicle, and a felony violation of 594(b)(1) PC for the damage to the victim's house. Within one week, Chablechan was identified, located, and then booked at Richmond Station.

Although an arrest has been made, this remains an open and active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at (415) 575-4444. You may remain anonymous.

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