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Arson Suspect Arrested

Monterey and Pacific Grove Detectives arrested Nathan Abel Augustine, a 35 year old male from Monterey on Friday, October 23, 2009 for the arson fires at Creative Visions in Monterey on July 13, 2009 and Lattitude's Restaurant in Pacific Grove on July 15, 2009. Detectives discovered evidence linking Augustine to both fires when they went to his Monterey residence in the 800 block of Taylor on an unrelated vandalism investigation.

Augustine had been arrested by Monterey Officers for vandalism on October 20, 2009. He was later released on citation. Detectives discovered that he was on probation out of Ventura County for vandalism and weapons violations and was subject to search and seizure. Detectives conducted a probation search and found Augustine in possession of ammunition, a violation of 12316(b)(1) PC, felon in possession of ammunition.

Detectives also saw items that they felt may be connected to the arson cases, so they obtained a search warrant. During the search specific to the arson case, a firearm was located along with other evidence the Detectives believe connect him to the two arson fires. Augustine was arrested and charged with the ammunition violation, as well as 12021(a)(1) PC, felon in possession of a firearm and two counts of 451(c) PC Arson.

Augustine is being held at the Monterey County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Monterey and Pacific Grove Detectives are continuing their investigation into other vandalisms of a similar nature, as well as the apartment fire on David Ave. on September 30, 2009, which remains unsolved.

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