



## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Residential Fire and Arson Arrest**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 7:07 p.m., the Monterey Fire Department and Monterey Police Officers were dispatched to a structure fire in the 600 block of Hoffman Avenue. Upon arriving at the location, heavy smoke and flames were observed from a two-unit duplex structure. Both units of the duplex were evacuated and no injuries were reported. Monterey Firefighters contained the fire to the one building and extinguished it. The fire appeared to have started inside one of the duplex units and caused significant damage to the interior. Four persons were displaced by the fire.

Officers and Firefighters investigated the cause of the fire including interviewing the duplex residents and witnesses, and processing the scene for evidence. As a result of the investigation, officers arrested Cesar Perez, 28 of Monterey, for 451(b) PC, arson to an inhabited structure. Perez lives in the duplex unit where the fire started and it was determined he lit plastic and tissue paper on fire. Perez then left the residence but returned a short time later. The fire from the lit items spread in the residence before finally being extinguished. Perez was arrested at the scene when he returned that night during the investigation.

Perez was booked into the Monterey Police Department Jail. His bail was set at \$100,000.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Monterey Police Investigations Sergeant Aaron Delgado at (831) 646-3814. Or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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