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Mission Station Police Officers Arrest Suspect for Illegal Fireworks 21-131

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On Thursday, July 1, 2021, the San Francisco Police Department, Mission Station received information from the San Francisco Fire Department regarding an individual offering illegal fireworks for sale in the Mission District.

Officers from Mission Police Station began an investigation that included an undercover buy-bust operation.

On Friday, July 2, 2021, at approximately 9:30 a.m. officers working in plainclothes purchased fireworks from an adult male at 23rd St. and South Van Ness Ave. Officers arrested Angelo Paredes, 28-year-old. The arrest included the seizure of approximately 69 lbs. of illegal fireworks. Paredes was arrested for selling fireworks (12676 HS) and possession of fireworks more than 69 lbs. (12700 (b)(2) HS).

Each year more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries occur and cause millions of dollars in property loss each year that threaten homes and whole communities. With the exception of professional fireworks displays permitted by the City and County, all fireworks, including those labeled as “Safe and Sane,” are illegal in San Francisco.

This is an example of our community working with public safety partners to keep all of San Francisco safe.

While an arrest has been made, this remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD 24-hour Tip Line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or Text a Tip to [TIP411](text:TIP411) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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