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San Francisco Police Make Additional Arrest in Tenderloin Homicide 21-163(a)

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On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at approximately 12:57 a.m., San Francisco Police officers from Tenderloin Station were called to a local hospital regarding a walk-in shooting victim. The victim, a 48-year-old male, was privately transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Despite the efforts of the medical staff, the victim succumbed to his injuries. Investigators determined that the victim was assaulted by unknown suspects on the 800 block of Larkin Street. One suspect produced a gun and shot the victim. The suspects then fled on foot.

SFPD Homicide Detail Investigators developed information that identified one of the murder suspects as 36-year-old Hermando Aresold. On Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at approximately 6:00 p.m. SFPD Homicide investigators and the SFPD Tactical Unit served arrest and search warrants on the 3000 block of Lynde St., Oakland, California. Aresold was arrested and transported to San Francisco County Jail where he was booked for murder (187(a) PC), assault with a firearm (245(A)(2) PC), convicted felon in possession of a firearm (29800(A)(1)PC), and conspiracy (182(A) PC).

SFPD Homicide Detail Investigators developed information that identified the second murder suspect as 25-year-old Melvin Lopez. On Friday, September 3, 2021, at approximately 11:00 a.m. SFPD Homicide investigators located and arrested Lopez on the 900 block of Bryant St. Lopez was transported to San Francisco County Jail where he was booked for murder (187(a) PC), false imprisonment (236 PC), accessory to a crime (32 PC), and conspiracy (182(a) PC).

While an arrest has been made this remains an open investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD Tip Line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or Text a Tip to [TIP411](sms:4155754444) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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