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San Francisco Police Arrest Assault Suspect 21-165

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On Monday, September 6, 2021, at approximately 12:26 a.m. officers from Northern Station responded to the area of Fillmore Street and Page Street regarding a shooting that just occurred. Officers arrived on scene and located an adult male victim suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was accompanied by several friends, but they were uninjured. Officers immediately rendered aid and summoned medics to the scene who transported the victim to the hospital with life threatening injuries.

The investigation discovered that the victim and his friends were involved in a verbal altercation in front of a business located on the 500 block of Haight Street with an unknown adult male. The victims and his friends fled on foot to get away from the male, but the male fired several gun shots at the group, which struck the victim. As a result of the shooting the victim, who is 19 years-old, was permanently blinded.

Through the course of the investigation officers were able to identify the suspect as Ronald Melbourne, 58-year-old male from San Francisco. Officers established a plan to apprehend Melbourne at his residence.

At approximately 4:25 a.m. SFPD investigators and officers from throughout the City responded to a home on the 300 block of Haight Street and established a perimeter around the residence. Officers contacted the occupants of the residence to negotiate a peaceful surrender. Melbourne subsequently exited the residence and was taken into custody without further incident. Investigators obtained a search warrant for the residence and searched the premises for evidence. Officers located and seized multiple firearms and ammunition within the residence.

Investigators developed probable cause to arrest Melbourne for attempted homicide (664/187 PC), assault with a firearm (245(b) PC), carrying a concealed firearm (25400(a)(2) PC), mayhem (205 PC), carrying a loaded firearm in public (25850(a) PC). Melbourne was transported and booked into San Francisco County Jail for the above listed charges.

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](text:TIP411) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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