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San Francisco Police Make Arrest in Robbery Series 21-186

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Investigators determined that the suspect was targeting Asian females.

On Tuesday September 21, 2021, at approximately 5:58 p.m., San Francisco Police officers from Ingleside Station responded to the unit block of Maynard Street for a report of a robbery. Officers arrived on scene and met with the 27-year-old victim. The victim said she had just exited her vehicle when she was approached from behind by two unknown male suspects. The suspects grabbed the victim's backpack and began to forcefully take it from her. Following a struggle, the suspect successfully took the victim's backpack. The suspects got into a waiting red sedan that was being operated by a third suspect and fled the scene.

Investigators determined that the suspect vehicle was in the area of Chester and 5th Streets in Oakland. San Francisco Police officers notified Oakland Police Department and BART Police Department. A BART Police Department officer observed a suspect, later identified as 20-year-old O'Sean Garcia of Oakland, attempt to get into the vehicle. The officer identified himself and Garcia attempted to flee on foot. Following a brief foot pursuit, Garcia was taken into custody.

Garcia was transferred to the custody of San Francisco Police officers. Investigators from the San Francisco Robbery Detail developed information linking Garcia to six other robberies in San Francisco's Bayview and Ingleside Districts, dating back to March of 2021 in which all victims were Asian females. Garcia was later booked at San Francisco County Jail and booked on the following charges: seven counts of robbery (211 PC), seven counts of conspiracy (182 PC), and seven hate crime enhancements (422.75 PC).

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, San Francisco Police investigators served search warrants on Garcia's home and vehicle in Oakland and San Francisco. Investigators located an unregistered firearm and several items of evidence connecting him to the robberies.

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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