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San Francisco Police Obtain Arrest Warrant for Bill Hobbs 22-148

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Investigators link Hobbs to 14 recent incidents and believe he may be involved in cases dating back to 2021

On Friday, October 14, 2022, a San Francisco Superior Court judge issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Hobbs on the following charges: felony false imprisonment (236 PC), six counts of battery (242 PC), two counts of assault (240 PC), four counts of public nuisance (372 PC), and three counts of sexual battery (243.4(e)(1) PC).

Beginning in September of 2022 a series of suspicious incidents directed towards women began occurring in San Francisco. In these incidents, an unknown white male would approach female victims and make unwanted physical advances towards them. In many of the cases, the suspect would inappropriately touch the victim. The suspect would then immediately flee the scene. Believing the incidents to be related, a joint investigation was launched by the SFPD Special Victims Unit and General Work Unit. Each unit dedicated an investigator to the case.

Investigators conducted several follow-up interviews with victims and witnesses. In addition, canvassed known crime scenes for videos, photos, and other evidence that would help connect each incident. Through the course of the investigation, the suspect was identified as 34-year-old Bill Hobbs of San Francisco. Working closely with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, investigators and attorneys were able to connect Mr. Hobbs to 14 separate incidents.

This is an open and active investigation. If you believe you have been a victim or have information about this investigation, please 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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