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## **Arson Suspect Arrested**

South Pasadena – On Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a business in the 600 block of Fair Oaks Avenue for a vandalism investigation.

After speaking with the store manager and viewing surveillance video, officers determined that an arson had taken place in front of the store the previous night. Officers recognized the suspect from prior contacts with him.

Believing that the suspect was still in South Pasadena, officers searched the area and located him in the 900 Block of Fair Oaks Avenue. The suspect, sixty-six-year-old Michael Bell, an unhoused resident, was arrested for P.C. 451, Arson. Bell was also found to be an arson registrant. He was booked and is currently housed at the Inmate Reception Center in Downtown Los Angeles.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is urged to call the South Pasadena Police Department at (626) 403-7265. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you can call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

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