



## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Arson and Drug Arrest**

On Tuesday, February 13, 2023, at approximately 10:36 p.m., Monterey Police Department officers were dispatched to 570 Munras Avenue, Trader Joe's, in reference to a metal trash can fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by the Trader Joe's employees. The fire damaged the metal trash can.

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at approximately 10:46 p.m., a citizen advised Monterey Police Department officers of a dumpster fire in the area of Taufner Lane and Cortes Street. The fire damaged the dumpster and wall of a nearby building. The Monterey Fire Department extinguished the fire.

No one was injured as a result of these fires. The investigation revealed Rodney Williams, 59 years old, of Illinois, started the fires. On February 14, 2024 at approximately 11:21 a.m., Monterey Police Department officers located Williams and arrested him for the following charges: 451(d) PC – Arson, 11364 H&S – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and 11377 H&S – Possession of Methamphetamine. Williams was transported to and booked into the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$20,000.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or is aware of any other fires, are encouraged to contact Sergeant Greg Galin at 831-646-3872 or [galin@monterey.org](mailto:galin@monterey.org). To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840

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