



## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Arson  
**LOCATION:** Hillsdale and Ross

**CASE NUMBER:** 07-303-0973  
**DATE:** 10-30-07 **TIME:** 5:55PM

**VICTIM:** Numerous  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose

**AGE:**  
**OCCUPATION:**

**SUSPECT:** Gary SGAMBATI  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

**AGE:** 45 years  
**OCCUPATION:**

### DETAILS:

On 10-30-07, Officers from the San Jose Police Department's METRO Unit and Arson Investigators from the San Jose Fire Department met to discuss a series of garbage bin fires occurring in and around the area of Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway. It was believed that as many as fourteen (14) commercial garbage bin fires were started by the same suspect or suspects. Officers and Investigators were given a suspect and vehicle description.

At 5:55PM, Metro Officers, working undercover in plainclothes and unmarked vehicles, spotted a suspicious person and vehicle in the vicinity of a previously set fire. Officers began following this suspect. After watching the suspect for some time, a vehicle stop was made and the suspect was contacted. Based on a number of pieces of information, descriptions and evidence, the suspect was arrested and transported to San Jose Police Headquarters. He was later booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail on Arson charges.

Anyone who may have any information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the San Jose Police Department Metro Unit at 277-4044 or San Jose Fire Department Arson Investigators at 277-4020. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can call the San Jose Police Department's Crime Stoppers Program at (408) 947-STOP or the San Jose Fire Department's Arson Tip line at (408) 27-ARSON.

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