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Man Arrested for Arson Fires in East Village

San Diego - On January 7, 2020 at approximately 2:20 p.m., the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) was called to the East Village community to investigate three trash cans which were purposely set on fire. An unknown suspect walked east along the 1400 to the 1800 block of Market Street and lit a total of three trash cans and a blanket on fire and left the scene prior to SDPD officers arriving. The fires were quickly extinguished and no one was injured.

On January 9, 2020 at approximately 3:10 p.m., SDPD officers were called to the area of 15th Avenue and B Street to investigate a report of a man setting fires to trash cans. Officers quickly arrived on scene and detained 35-year-old Rashi Foster. The fires were extinguished and no one was injured. Witnesses positively identified Foster as the man who set the two trash cans on fire.

MAST investigators were able to retrieve images from Smart Streetlights that helped to determine Foster as the individual responsible for setting the four fires on January 7th on Market Street. Foster was placed under arrest and booked into County Jail on six counts of arson causing damages estimated to be \$500.00.

Anyone with information is requested to call MAST at (619) 236-6815 or the Crime Stopper's anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

