



## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Hate Crime Arrest**

On Sunday, December 3, 2023 at approximately 9:16 P.M., Monterey Police Officers responded to a report of a vandalism to a vehicle in the 300 block of Pine Street. The victim reported they were sitting in their vehicle when a male suspect approached and began to scratch letters into the vehicle. When the suspect realized the vehicle was occupied, he fled on foot.

Monterey Police Officers investigated the incident including canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses and evidence. While doing so, a vehicle drove up to a neighboring property of the victim's and officers identified a male passenger as Mikhail Faybyshev, 46 years old of Monterey. Faybyshev matched the suspect description and video surveillance around the time of the incident also placed him in the area during the crime.

Faybyshev admitted to officers he had scratched the victim's car and had done so because they were Muslim. Faybyshev was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail on charges of 594(A)(1) PC – vandalism and 422.6(B) – hate crime. His bail was set at \$10,000.

The Monterey Police Department (MPD) has coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The MPD has also reached out to leadership in the Muslim community to make them aware of this incident, offer support and ask that they report any issues that may cause concern.

The MPD recognizes the fears and distress hate crimes create and the negative consequences these crimes have on our community as a whole. The MPD is committed to safeguarding the rights of all individuals and prioritizes crimes of this type.

The City of Monterey had four reported hate crimes in 2022 (one assault, two vandalisms and one annoying telephone call; three were based on race and one was based on sexual orientation) and have had four reported hate crimes to this point in 2023 (three vandalisms and one challenge to fight; two were based on race and two were based on religion).

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Lieutenant Jacob Pinkas (831) 646-3816, or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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