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Arson Arrest

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, at approximately 10:02 p.m., Monterey Police Department officers were dispatched to 420 Tyler Street, Compact Disco, in reference to a trash can fire in the restroom. The fire was quickly extinguished by the Compact Disco's employees. The fire completely melted the plastic restroom trash can.

No one was injured as a result of the fire. The investigation revealed John Sovereign, 64 years old, of Monterey, started the fire. On Sunday, March 24, 2024, at approximately 08:00 p.m., Monterey Police Department officers contacted Sovereign and arrested him for the following charge: 451(d) PC – Arson. Sovereign was transported to and booked into the Monterey City Jail. His bail was set at \$15,000.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact Sergeant Greg Galin at 831-646-3872 or galin@monterey.org. To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840

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