

## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Peeping & Trespassing Arrest

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:18 P.M., Monterey Detectives and Police Officers were conducting surveillance in the 1300 block of Munras Avenue. The purpose of the surveillance was to locate and apprehend a suspect that had been seen in the area peeping in hotel room windows.

While conducting surveillance, a Monterey Detective observed Michael Clark, 33, of Modesto California enter the parking lot of a hotel in the 1300 block of Munras, and climb onto the roof in order to access windows along the hotel. Multiple officers responded to the scene and Clark was taken into custody.

A Monterey Detective reviewed previous reports and confirmed Clark was the suspect in four other "peeping" incidents that were previously reported.

The investigation revealed Clark was looking into a second floor window of a hotel on September 13, 2023. In this case, a female reporting party called the police after she saw a male looking through her balcony window.

On January 29, 2024, a hotel reported having video of a male walking in front of the hotel and looking into each window. The video revealed Clark attempted to enter a couple of the rooms by trying door handles. The rooms were unoccupied and video footage was provided to the Police Department.

On January 31, 2024, a female reporting party reported seeing a male outside her hotel window and stated she believed the male was masturbating. The male fled in an unknown direction and was not found by officers that responded to the scene.

On March 18, 2024, a female reporting party reported seeing a male figure look through her hotel room skylight. The reporting party did not report the incident until the following day. Video footage surrounding the hotel was provided to the Monterey Police Department.

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The Monterey Detective reviewed all of these cases and after arresting Clark was able to positively identify him as the suspect in the aforementioned cases. Clark was transported and booked into the Monterey County Jail on two counts of California Penal Code (PC) 664/459 – Attempted Burglary, five counts of 602(m)PC – Trespassing and six counts of 647(i) – Peeping. A bail enhancement was requested and granted. Clark's bail was set at \$500,000.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Greg Galin (831) 646-3872, or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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