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SERIAL BANDIT JAILED!

CODY BALDRIGE CONVICTED FOR BURGLARY AND VANDALISM IN SAN FRANCISCO

-By Trevor Roberts

SAN FRANCISCO—On April 12, 2024, the SFDA's Office disclosed a conviction was obtained against Cody Baldrige, 34, after a trial by jury for burglarizing two businesses in Fisherman's Wharf and vandalism at Ghirardelli Square. He was convicted of two counts of second-degree commercial burglary (PC 459) and one count of felony vandalism (PC 594(b)(1)).

According to a news release, in court testimony and other evidence presented at trial, Baldridge committed two commercial burglaries and a felony vandalism in the Fisherman's Wharf area over the course of a month. On January 18, 2023, footage captured the defendant breaking the front glass door of Buena Vista Cafe at 2765 Hyde Street and taking bottles of alcohol after entering.

On January 13, 2023, surveillance footage captured Baldridge breaking

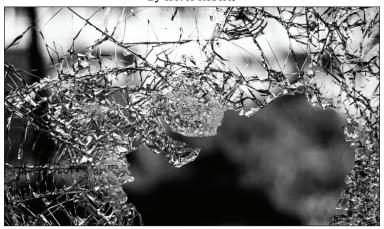


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the front glass door of Square Pie Guys at 845 Beach Street and taking property after entering. On December 26, 2022, surveillance captured him inside a Ghirardelli Square hallway and using a fire extinguisher to break a glass door. He was arrested on Feb-

ruary 16, 2024, when he was spotted by a Ghirardelli Square security guard who alerted the San Francisco Police Department.

The case against Baldridge was successfully prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robert Miranda,

with assistance from District Attorney Investigator Sammy Kim and paralegals Aareona Miles and Rayna Bryan. Prosecutors were able to develop a strong case against Mr. Baldridge because of the investigation of the San Francisco Police Department's Central Station and the participation of the victims.

"I am thankful for the jury's time and attentiveness in this case," said Assistant District Attorney Robert Miranda. "The jury's verdict brings justice to San Francisco's small businesses who have faced many challenges these last few years and shows that San Franciscans will hold those who commit crimes against our communities' small businesses accountable."

Baldridge is currently in custody pending sentencing. His sentencing is scheduled for April 23, 2024.

SFPD MARINE UNIT RESCUE FOUR INDIVIDUALS FROM CAPSIZED VESSEL

By Trevor Roberts

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Police Department reported on April 16 that their Marine Unit responded to an incident on Sunday, April 14 that resulted in four people being rescued.

It was reported at approximately 9:52 a.m., the SFPD Marine unit responded to the coastal waters near Great Highway and Fulton Street in regard to a capsized boat.

Officers were advised that a boat, carrying four individuals capsized approximately five miles from the Golden Gate Bridge, as they were heading out to sea.

The SFPD Marine unit, along with the San Francisco Bar Pilot Vessel "Califor-



Photo courtesy of the SFPD.

nia," responded to the scene and rescued four individuals who were spotted in the water. The victims were retrieved from the Bay and two of the victims were transported by the US Coast Guard back to shore. All four victims were taken to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The vessel is currently adrift, with the Coast Guard broadcasting a safety/security alert. It will be later recovered from the waters

The SFPD Marine unit asks all mariners to check all required safety equipment and weather conditions before heading out into the Bay.

REWARD OF \$125,000 ANNOUNCED FOR DETAILS ON AUGUST 2023 MURDER

·By Trevor Roberts

SAN FRANCISCO—On Monday, April 15, the SFPD announced that a \$125,000 reward is being offered for information regarding an August 2023 homicide. The SFPD reported that on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at approximately 9:43 p.m., dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a person advising they had been shot.

Officers arrived on scene at the unit block of Kelloch Street and located

Relondo Jacori Bell, 22, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers rendered aid and medics responded to the scene, where he later died after being treated at a hospital for life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is being led by the SFPD Homicide Detail The Volkswagen Tiguan depicted in the attached photo is suspected of involvement in the shoot-

ing of Bell and it has been recovered.

Investigators are seeking information about the individual(s) associated with this vehicle

The San Francisco Police Department increased the amount of a reward issued in December 2023 from \$25,000 to \$125,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the

murder of Relondo Jacori Bell

Anyone with details regarding this case may contact the SFPD Homicide Detail at 1-415-553-1145 or after hours at the Department Operations Center at 1-415-553-1071, or the SFPD 24-Hour Tip Line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD. Tipsters may remain anonymous.