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San Jose State University Arson Suspect Identified

Sacramento – On March 31, 2024, and April 8, 2024, the California State University, San Jose (SJSU) Police and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Arson and Bomb Unit responded to fires in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library on the SJSU campus.

The investigation revealed the fire causes were arson, on State of California property, and occupied by students at the time of the arson fires. The joint law enforcement investigation was a collaboration between SJSU Police and the CAL FIRE – OSFM Arson and Bomb Unit. All personnel involved worked tirelessly to canvass the area, review security camera footage, cultivate leads, and ultimately identify the suspect.

The suspect was identified as SJSU sophomore student Amogh Upadhy. Amogh Upadhy was arrested and charged with four (4) counts of Arson and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail. Upadhy is being held on \$400,000.00 bail until a court hearing on April 12, 2024.

The CAL FIRE – OSFM Arson and Bomb Unit is dedicated to helping agencies all over California no matter the size of the department, location, or the time of day or night. Together we can make California safer!

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