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SUBJECT ARRESTED FOLLOWING OVERNIGHT NANSEMOND PARKWAY INCIDENTS

SUFFOLK, VA. (July 31, 2018) Suffolk Police advise that a subject has been arrested following their investigations and an investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office related to incidents that occurred overnight in the area of the 5400 block of Nansemond Parkway.

Emergency Communications was initially dispatched to an alarm call at the Union Baptist Missionary Church located in the 5400 block of Nansemond Parkway at approximately 11:04 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018. A lone subject was observed walking in the area and one of the responding Officers stopped and made contact with the subject who was found to have several cuts on his arms and pieces of broken glass on his shoes. The other Officer continued to respond to the location of the alarm call.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that the glass had been broken on a door at the Church. Upon reviewing surveillance video footage they were able to positively identify the subject as the same individual they had encountered while initially responding to the alarm call.

Emergency Communications was also contacted on July 30, 2018 regarding a Breaking & Entering and Arson that had occurred at Turf & Garden, Inc. in the 5400 block of Nansemond Parkway.

Upon preliminary investigation into that incident it was found that a subject had started a fire near a cage containing gas propane cylinders and also destroyed a section of fencing at the business. The Fire Marshal also responded to conduct the investigation. Surveillance video footage was reviewed and the same offender that was involved in the B &E at the Union Baptist Missionary Church was identified.

Gideon Gitahi Njoroge, age 20, of Schertz, Texas, was taken into custody and transported to the Magistrate's Office where he was arrested on warrants including Breaking & Entering with Intent to Commit Felony and Destruct-Removal Church or Cemetery Structure as well as Arson/Business and Vandalism of Private Property. He is currently being held without bond at Western Tidewater Regional Jail. Mug shot attached.

The investigations remain ongoing and additional charges are forthcoming.

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