



WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Chief of Police Thomas Chaplin

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WCPD Case Number: 20-20057

Date / Time Occurred: August 7th, 2020 at 8:16 p.m.

Location: Tice Valley Blvd. near Rolling Hills Dr.

On 08/07/2020 at approximately 8:16 p.m., the Walnut Creek Police Department received reports of a brush fire on a hillside approaching a commercial building in the area of Tice Valley Boulevard near Rolling Hills Drive. A witness described a person running from the fire just moments after it started. Officers saw a subject hiding behind a bus stop in the area. Officers contacted the subject and identified him as Kyle Shields, a 37 year old homeless person. After further investigation officers arrested Shields for Arson.

There were no injuries and minimal damage to the hillside and an unoccupied commercial building. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Arson Investigators and Walnut Creek Police Department Investigators are working in conjunction to further investigate this crime.

If you have any information, please contact the Walnut Creek Police Department at 925-943-5844 or call the CFD Arson Tip Line 1-866-50-ARSON.