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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: March 30, 2017, approximately 4:30 pm

Location: Mountain Mushroom Farm
12761 San Mateo Road, Half Moon Bay, CA

Type of Crime/Incident: Arrest of Arson Suspect

Suspect: **ARRESTED** **Gilbert Mendoza Flores – 38 years old**
Transient
451(c) PC – Arson / Bail: \$25,000

Summary:

Half Moon Bay, CA: The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office announces the arrest of 38 year-old Gilbert Mendoza Flores for an arson fire that occurred on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at about 11:00pm. This fire destroyed five greenhouses at the Mountain Mushroom Farm just outside of Half Moon Bay.

Sheriff's Office detectives, working cooperatively with inspectors from Cal Fire, were able to identify Flores as being responsible for setting the fire after examining the crime scene, interviewing witnesses and interviewing Flores. Flores, who is already in custody at the Maguire Correctional Facility on an unrelated matter, will be re-booked by Sheriff's detectives on arson charges. His bail was set at \$25,000. This investigation is still on going.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are encouraged to call Detective Gaby Chaghouri at (650) 259-2314 or you can e-mail him at; gchaghouri@smcgov.org. Those wishing to remain anonymous, can call the **Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line at; 1-800-547-2700.**

Release Date: March 30, 2017

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