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C.F. Police arrest graffiti artist for string of vandalisms:

CENTRAL FALLS – On January 27, 2017 at approximately 1:00am members of the patrol bureau were dispatched to School Street for a vandalism report.

While one officer was taking a report for graffiti, other officers in the area discovered what appeared to be some fresh spray paint on a building that was similar to what they were investigating on School Street. Realizing the paint appeared still wet and fresh – and that the suspect might still be in the area – the officers began to canvass the surrounding streets.

On a nearby road one officer discovered a white box truck with what appeared to be fresh graffiti on the side of the vehicle. The officer subsequently observed a person crouched in front of the rear tires under the truck. As the suspect was ordered to reveal himself – he fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit officers arrested the male subject identified as Christopher Guzman (20) of Pawtucket.

Guzman had traces of paint visibly all over his hands and clothing that was consistent with the colors that were spray-painted on the truck and buildings. After subsequent questioning by members of the detective bureau, Guzman confessed to the graffiti in Central Falls and other communities in Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

He was arraigned in Providence District Court Friday, January 27, 2017 on nine (9) counts of vandalism/malicious injury to property

along with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was released afterwards on \$5000 Surety bail.

Guzman faces possible additional charges of vandalism based on numerous reports of similar graffiti discovered by local property owners in the area.

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