



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE



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TOPIC: Halloween Statistics and Cases of Interest

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department was kept busy over the 24 hours of Halloween through the night and into the early morning hours of November 1st. From 8:00 AM on October 31st through 8:00 AM on November 1st, we handled **400 calls for service**. The downtown crowd size was estimated at **15,000+**, just slightly less than last year.

The Downtown Deployment reported the following activity

32 Arrests

19 for public intoxication

45 Citations Issued

36 were for Triple Fine violations. Of the Triple Fine citations, 25 were for open containers of alcohol.

1 for mutilation of city trees by a person costumed as "Edward Scissor Hands" who was caught doing some unauthorized trimming of the city trees.

Notable arrests in the downtown were the following:

Case #14S-09037

Two handguns were seized from Watsonville Norteno gang members. Officers contacted the suspected gang members in the parking structure at Cedar and Church Streets. One of the suspects was found to have a loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol in his jacket. The second handgun was found in a subsequent search of the suspect's car. The second handgun is a .38 caliber revolver.

Three suspects were arrested in connection to the firearms:

Maria Lopez-Enisco, 21 years old Watsonville resident
Lucio Martinez, 19 year old Watsonville resident
Bryan Ponciano, 20 year old Watsonville resident

A photo of the suspects and the firearms is on the following pages and attached

Case #14S-09038

A 12 year old Watsonville gang affiliate was contacted by officers at Pacific and Church. At 12 years old, he is already on probation and sports a number of gang tattoos. He was searched and found to be hiding a homemade hammer/weapon concealed in his pants. When asked why he had the weapon, he indicated he was fearful of rival gang attacks. A photo of the weapon is attached. The juvenile was arrested and booked into juvenile hall for possession of the weapon and violating his probation terms.

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Case #14S-09033

This case involved a suspect attacking a person dressed as a Fox News reporter. The suspect attacked the victim telling him he “hates Fox News”. The suspect grabbed the victim’s microphone and placed down the front of his pants and proceeded to rub the microphone on his crotch. The suspect then attacked the victim with an aluminum tennis racquet. The victim was not injured and reported the incident to police. The suspect fled as officers approached, but was eventually ran down and caught by pursuing officers. Arrested was

Sean Kory – 29 years old, Santa Cruz resident (Photo Attached and on following pages)

Notable Arrests in the rest of the city included:

Case #14S-09064

This case involved a single vehicle DUI collision at Mission St and Miramar. The suspect collided with a city light pole and no parking sign posts. The driver attempted to flee the scene but his car had been disabled. When officers arrived, he attempted to flee and fought with both officers. Both officers sustained injuries from the suspect. One of the injured officers will have to undergo additional medical evaluation before returning to work. Arrested was:

Rafael Cardenas, 22 years old – Santa Cruz Resident. Photo not available at time for release.

Case #14S-09062

A second DUI crash occurred at Bay and High Streets. The suspect collided with a center median and signal light pole. Arriving emergency medical personnel found the suspect sitting on the curb. As they approached to help him, the suspect started throwing punches at the air and moved toward the fire and ambulance personnel. Arriving officers witnessed this and quickly subdued the driver. Arrested was:

Miles Chong, 21 years old Livermore resident. Photo not available at time of release.

Case #14S-09059

A prowler was reported in 2 backyards in the 500 block of King Street. Officers located a 48 year old Scotts Valley man who was found to be extremely intoxicated. The suspect was trying to find his way back to his Scotts Valley home and believed he was in his neighborhood. Officers arrested Greg Vandervoort, 48 years old, Scotts Valley resident for public intoxication. Photo not available at time of release.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

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Firearms Seized



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