



# SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

## MEDIA RELEASE



**DATE:** July 1, 2024

**LOCATION:** Meder St Park

**TOPIC:** Child Sexual Exploitation Arrest

**CASE NUMBER:** 24S-02704

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### INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

**Suspect:**

Name: Trung Lai      Age: 41      Arrested: Yes      Charges: Attempt Statutory Rape

**Victim:**

17-year-old Santa Cruz Resident

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### INFORMATION

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Trung Lai was taken into custody on an arrest warrant for crimes related to Child Sexual Exploitation. Mr. Lai, a teacher with Pacific Collegiate School, had engaged in grooming behavior of a student over the past couple of months. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Mr. Lai had arranged to meet with the student off campus to engage in lewd acts, which was when he was taken into custody by Santa Cruz PD Detectives.

Pacific Collegiate School was notified and has been cooperating with investigators to assist with this investigation.

**For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Jon Bush**

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