



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: April 27, 2011

LOCATION: 1100 block E. Cliff Drive

TOPIC: Suspicious Death Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 11S-03370

SUSPECTS:

1. John Clauer – 63 yrs, Santa Cruz Resident
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INFORMATION:

On April 26, 2011, at approximately 7:10 PM, the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to a report of suspicious activity at an apartment in the 1100 block of E. Cliff Drive. The original reports indicated an unusual smell was coming from an apartment. Responding officers discovered the decomposing body of a 30 year old female in the apartment along with the suspect John Clauer. Due to the state of decomposition, it was clear that the body had been in the apartment for several days.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the apartment and worked throughout the night to process the scene for evidence. Detectives have canvassed the neighborhood to obtain additional information regarding the circumstances around the relationship between Mr. Clauer and the deceased. The cause of death was not immediately determined. Detectives are continuing the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the female's death and Mr. Clauer's failure to report the death. Mr. Clauer was living in the apartment with the deceased female. Detectives will work with the medical examiner to investigate the cause of death and subsequent action.

Mr. Clauer is currently on Parole. He was taken in to custody at the scene and brought to the police department for questioning. He was eventually booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on a parole hold.

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