

## SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATE/TIME**: July 21, 2011 – 4:09 AM

**LOCATION:** Main Beach

**TOPIC: Vehicle Theft and Firearm Possession ARREST** 

CASE NUMBER: 11S-06043

## **INVOLVED SUBJECTS:**

1. Name: James Gray Arrested: [X] Yes

[] No

DOB: 25 years-old

Charges: 10851(A), 12031(A), 12021(A), Warrant, 484(G)

Salinas Resident

## **INFORMATION:**

On July 21, 2011 at approximately 4:10 am, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to the Main Beach for a report of a man walking with a firearm. Seaside Company security officers notified our department that they had witnessed a male, later identified as James Gray, walking on the beach holding a handgun. Multiple SCPD officers responded and noticed Mr. Gray lying underneath a lifeguard tower. Officers were able to detain Mr. Gray and found a semi-automatic handgun, with a loaded but not inserted magazine, next to his person. Mr. Gray had a felony warrant and was a suspect in a stolen vehicle case. During the course of the investigation it was determined that Mr. Gray had stolen a local vehicle and taken it to Salinas where it has since been recovered. The firearm was not registered to Mr. Gray and investigators are working to locate the registered owner.

No one was hurt in the incident and Mr. Gray was taken to County Jail on the above charges.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave an anonymous tip at <u>www.santacruzpolice.com</u> or via the department's mobile app.