

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: September 24, 2011 – 2:21 AM <u>LOCATION</u>: 300 Block of King Street

TOPIC: Burglary and Threats ARREST CASE NUMBER: 11S-08184

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Christian West Arrested: [X] Yes [] No

DOB: 28 years-old Charges: 459, 594, 422

Aptos Resident

INFORMATION:

On September 24, 2011 at 2:21 am, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched the 300 block of King Street for a suspicious person loitering in front of a residence. The call was then upgraded to a burglary when the suspect broke the window of the front door, entered the residence, and made threats of violence to the residents. Officers arrived within minutes and the suspect fled the residence. Officers established a perimeter in the area and were able to locate the suspect, Christian West, in a nearby yard.

According to the victims, Mr. West was loitering on their property when he began kicking the front door and punching a window next to the door. Mr. West was able to force entry into the residence and the victims said he fled when police sirens were heard. The victims, two female adults and one male adult, were not injured and nothing was removed from the residence.

It is unclear why Mr. West targeted this home as he declined to speak with officers once in custody. Mr. West was booked into County Jail for burglary, vandalism and making threats.

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