SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: September 25, 2011 – 6:51 PM **LOCATION: 100 Block of Riverside Ave.**

TOPIC: Intoxicated Bicyclist and Injury ARREST **CASE NUMBER: 11S-08236**

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Aaron Shaffer **Arrested: [X] Yes [] No**

DOB: 32 years-old **Charges: 21200.5**

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INFORMATION:

On September 25, 2011 at 6:51 pm, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched the 100 block of Riverside Avenue for a report of a bicyclist colliding with a pregnant female. Officers arrived within minutes and found a small crowd gathered around the victim and suspect. Both were sitting on the ground after the collision. According to witnesses, Mr. Shaffer was riding his bike on the sidewalk at a speed of approximately 20 mph when he collided with the pregnant female victim causing her to strike her head on the sidewalk and lose consciousness. Witnesses said the victim had just exited a store on the 100 block of Riverside when she was struck by Mr. Shaffer. Officers noted that the victim, a 31 year-old Monterey County resident, appeared to have suffered moderate injuries as a result of the collision.

Paramedics transported the female to a local hospital for treatment. She is believed to be seven months pregnant. Mr. Shaffer refused medical treatment at the scene. Mr. Shaffer failed a series of sobriety tests and tested nearly four times over the legal limit for alcohol. He was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for riding a bicycle while intoxicated and causing an injury accident. The victim's status at the time of this release is unknown.

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.