

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: September 26, 2011 – 10:02 AM <u>LOCATION</u>: Cowells Beach Parking Lot

TOPIC: Possession of Stolen Property ARREST CASE NUMBER: 11S-08250

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Christopher Holmes Arrested: [X] Yes [] No

DOB: 47 years-old Charges: 459, 647(f), 496

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INFORMATION:

On September 26, 2011 at 10:02 am, a Santa Cruz Police Department officer on routine patrol located an intoxicated male subject asleep near the bus stop at Cowells Beach. While speaking to the subject, identified as Christopher Holmes, the officer noticed a number of kitchen knives, restaurant-grade utensils and bottles of expensive liquor in a crate next to him. The officer believed the items might have been stolen from a local restaurant. The officer placed Mr. Holmes into custody for public intoxication and began reaching out to beach-area restaurants to see if any items were stolen that weren't reported. About an hour later, a restaurant in the 700 block of Front Street contacted Santa Cruz Police regarding a burglary that had occurred the night before. According to the restaurant, approximately \$2,000 in liquor and kitchen utensils had been stolen the prior evening. The items that had been in Mr. Holmes possession were positively identified by the restaurant owners.

Consequently, Mr. Holmes was also booked for possession of stolen property on top of the original public intoxication charge.

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.