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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: October 18, 2011

LOCATION: 100 Block of Belvedere Terr.

<u>TOPIC</u>: Possession of Child Pornography ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 11S-08110

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: James Pease DOB: 55 years-old Santa Cruz City Resident

Arrested: [X] Yes [] No Charges: 311.11(A)

INFORMATION:

On September 22, 2011 the Pleasant Hill Police Department contacted Santa Cruz Police after having downloaded child pornography from a suspect that lived in the city of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz Police Department cybercrime detectives and the department's child exploitation expert worked on the case.

Using information gleaned from Pleasant Hill Police's initial investigation and additional information obtained by Santa Cruz Police Department investigators, detectives obtained a search warrant and raided a house in the 100 Block of Belvedere Terrace. Detectives obtained computer equipment that contained both images and videos depicting children engaged in substantial sexual conduct.

The suspect, James Pease, was cooperative during the investigation. Mr. Pease acknowledged to authorities he'd downloaded child pornography for the past couple of years.

Authorities arrested Mr. Pease on October 18, 2011 at the Santa Cruz Police Department. Mr. Pease was taken to jail for possession of child pornography.

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