

## SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATE/TIME:** October 18, 2011 LOCATION: Santa Cruz

<u>TOPIC</u>: Lewd Acts with a Child ARREST <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 11S-08843

**INVOLVED SUBJECTS:** 

1. Name: Subal Smith Arrested: [X] Yes [] No

DOB: 39 years-old Charges: 288 PC - Multiple Counts

VICTIM(S) (2) Seven year-old female victims

## INFORMATION:

On October 18, 2011 Santa Cruz Police Department sex crimes detectives arrested Subal Smith after an investigation revealed that he had committed multiple lewd acts (of inappropriately touching) on at least two female juveniles. Detectives learned of the case on October 16<sup>th</sup> when one of the seven year-old victims reported to her parents that Mr. Smith had inappropriately touched her. According to the victim, Mr. Smith inappropriately touched her while she was at a sleep over at her friend's house in the eastern portion of the city of Santa Cruz. Investigators are not releasing the street location of the incidents to protect the juvenile victims.

Investigators were able to determine this was not an isolated incident. During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that Mr. Smith, the live-in boyfriend of the mother of the second victim, is also believed to have been inappropriately touching her daughter (the second seven year-old victim). During separate interviews of the victims it appears that Mr. Smith has engaged in this behavior on previous occasions with his girlfriend's seven year-old daughter. Investigators arrested Mr. Smith for lewd acts with a child and booked him into Santa Cruz County Jail.

Investigators are working to determine if there are any additional victims and encourage anyone with additional information to call the Investigations Section at (831) 420-5820.

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