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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: October 20, 2011

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County

TOPIC: Lewd Acts with a Child – Agency Assist ARREST

Case Number: Outside Agency Case

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: John Dowell

Arrested: ☒ Yes ☐ No

DOB: 45 years-old

Charges: Possession of Child Pornography, Child Molestation

INFORMATION:

On Friday October 20th, 2011 the Santa Cruz Police Department, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Homeland Security apprehended Santa Cruz resident John Stuart Dowell for a warrant stemming from an investigation in which he is accused of molesting a female child. In addition, Mr. Dowell's warrant was for possessing and distributing child pornography. The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office arrested Mr. Dowell in their jurisdiction and the FBI is the primary law enforcement agency (and media contact) in the case.

Law Enforcement Officers are tracking leads and currently investigating the case. FBI investigators believe that Mr. Dowell might have had contact with children in various locations in the US. While Mr. Dowell was living in the county at the time of the arrest, the Santa Cruz Police Department is releasing Mr. Dowell's information as he lived within city limits at various times.

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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