

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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: November 6, 2011 **LOCATION:** 920 Pacific Ave

SUSPECTS:

1. Enrique Villa, 44yrs Transient

INFORMATION:

On November 6, 2011, Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to a report of a robbery in the 900 block of Pacific Avenue. The robbery was reported to involve a purse taken at knifepoint. Dispatch broadcast a description of the suspect and indicated a witness was pursuing the suspect. Officers arrived and located the suspect (Mr. Villa) near Pacific Ave and Cathcart Street. Mr. Villa was holding an exposed folding knife in his hand as the officers confronted him. Officers surrounded Villa at gunpoint, and a short standoff ensued. Mr. Villa eventually discarded the knife. Mr. Vila was taken into custody after he tried to fight with the officers. It was also learned that Mr. Villa lunged the knife toward a witness who came to assist the initial victim.

No one sustained any injuries, and the original victim's purse was returned. Mr. Villa was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on charges of:

- 1. Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- 2. Resisting Arrest
- 3. Outstanding Warrant

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