



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATE/TIME:** October 29, 2011

**LOCATION:** Clares St. & 41 St. Ave. (Capitola)

**TOPIC:** Missing Person at Risk (PHOTO ATTACHED) **CASE NUMBER:** 11S-09572

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### **MISSING PERSON:**

1. **Name:** Madeline Benitez  
**Age:** 64 Years  
**Residence:** City of Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION:** Caucasian female adult, 5'-04", 200 lbs, with brown/graying hair. (Photo attached)

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### **INFORMATION:**

On November 8, 2011 at approximately 11:00 AM, Santa Cruz Police received a report of a missing adult at risk. The missing adult, Madeline Benitez, was last seen by coworkers on October 29<sup>th</sup> in the area of Clares Street and 41 Ave. in the City of Capitola. Officers completed a search of Ms. Benitez' apartment and did not find any obvious signs of foul play. Ms. Benitez has a history of mental illness, and has not been taking her prescribed medication.

Ms. Benitez may be in the company of an acquaintance named "Randy," who is believed to be homeless and who frequents the City of Capitola. He is described as a white male adult in his mid 50's, 5'-08" to 5'-10" tall, with a slender build and a brown/grey beard.

Due to her history of mental illness and that fact that Ms. Benitez has not been taking her prescribed medication, she is considered at risk.

Anyone who sees, or has seen/had contact with Ms. Benitez since October 29<sup>th</sup> is urged to call 911.

For additional press information, contact: Deputy Chief Rick Martinez. Phone: (831) 420-5814.

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To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995

