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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: December 3, 2011 - 1:40 pm **LOCATION: San Lorenzo Park**

TOPIC: Occupy Santa Cruz Arrests (San Lorenzo Park) **CASE NUMBER: 11S-10293/10294**

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Edwin Frey **Arrested: [X] Yes [] No**
DOB: 71 years-old **Charges: Delay/Obstruct/Interfere with a Peace Officer**
Soquel Resident

2. Name: Kevin Jones **Arrested: [X] Yes [] No**
DOB: 40 years-old **Charges: Battery**
Felton Resident

VICTIM:

Male – 43 years-old - Santa Cruz County Resident

INFORMATION: On December 3, 2011 at 1:40 pm, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to the Occupy Santa Cruz encampment in San Lorenzo Park for a report of a brandishing of a knife. Officers were told by the 43 year-old male victim that he was taking pictures of the encampment when he was approached by six unknown members of the encampment. The six people (males) began to yell at him for taking photos and he responded that he had a right to take photos in a public location. As the argument escalated, the victim said that one subject threw water and toilet paper at him; another pushed and kicked him while a third brandished a knife while threatening to assault him. Officers were able to locate the suspect that threw water and toilet paper at him, Kevin Jones, and he was arrested at the scene (and released) for misdemeanor battery. The victim said he was not physically injured during the incident. The other suspects, including the male that brandished the knife, were not located.

While officers were attempting to interview the victim and Mr. Jones they were being interfered with by a male subject (later identified as Edwin Frey). Mr. Frey was standing very close to officers and refusing commands to step back so officers could interview the victim and the suspect. Mr. Frey became irate, yelling at a police lieutenant and other officers on scene. Mr. Frey's outburst caused other members of the encampment to come near officers while they were attempting to conduct the interview. Mr. Frey was informed multiple times to step back and give space or he would be arrested for delaying a peace officer in performance of their duty. He refused to comply and was arrested for 148(A), delaying/interfering with a peace officer. Mr. Frey was taken into custody and released for the misdemeanor at County Jail.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave an anonymous tip at www.santacruzpolice.com or via the department's mobile app.