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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Monday, February 27, 2012 – 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Jail

<u>TOPIC</u>: Arrest of Felony Vandalism Suspect

CASE NUMBER: 11S-06360

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Daniel O'Reilly DOB: 11/05/1979 Address: Transient, Santa Cruz

Arrest: [X] Yes [] No Charges: Warrant/ Felony Vandalism

UDPATE:

On February 27, 2012 the Santa Cruz Police Department Property Crimes Unit, with the assistance of the Santa Cruz District Attorney's Office, obtained a felony arrest warrant for Daniel O'Reilly. The \$100,000 arrest warrant is for felony vandalism and was brought about from DNA obtained at the scene. Santa Cruz Police Investigators had submitted DNA from the scene to state DOJ for analysis and obtained a match to Mr. O'Reilly.

On February 24, 2011, Daniel O'Reilly was arrested on multiple charges, including felony possession of a dangerous weapon, by the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office. This arrest was unrelated to our case. Santa Cruz Police Investigators learned of his arrest and interviewed Mr. O'Reilly at the County Jail. He was subsequently arrested on our cases for felony vandalism the warrant. It was determined that no hate crime occurred (in association with the etchings – additional information below).

<u>Background:</u> In the early morning of July 30, 2011 Santa Cruz Police Department officers began to received multiple reports of vehicle vandalisms (tire slashings) on the western side of the city. In all, at least 56 vehicles were vandalized on Hebard Street, Almar Avenue and Anderson Street. At least three vehicle hoods had a swastika symbol etched into them. Officers believe the vandalisms occurred at some point between 11:00 pm July 29 and 1:00 am July 30, 2011. Investigators processed the areas throughout the morning and worked to collect items of evidentiary value.

For additional information, contact Detective David Perry at 831.420.5820

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