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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: March 6, 2012 – 11:50 AM **LOCATION: Maple and Chestnut Street**

TOPIC: Armed Robbery ARREST **CASE NUMBER: 12S-01971**

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Alejandro Jimenez **Arrested: [X] Yes [] No**
DOB: 18 years-old **Charges: 211, 496, 186.22**
Watsonville Resident

2. Name: Brandon Garcia **Arrested: [X] Yes [] No**
DOB: 18 years-old **Charges: 211, 496, 186.22**

VICTIM: Male – Santa Cruz Resident – 16 years-old

INFORMATION:

On March 6, 2012, at approximately 2:00 pm, Santa Cruz Police Department officers received a report of an armed robbery that had occurred at approximately 11:50 am near the corner of Maple and Chestnut. According to the victim, a 16 year-old local high school student, two unknown males yelled gang slogans to him from their car. The suspects claimed a gang affiliation and asked for his affiliation. When the victim stated he was not in a gang one of the suspects brandished a gun and took an item from him.

Officers broadcast a description of the vehicle and soon after the vehicle was spotted by the department's School Resource Officer near the corner of Mission and Bay. Three males were in the vehicle at the time. One of the males, later identified as Alejandro Jimenez, fled the vehicle on foot into Burger, a restaurant at Mission and Bay, before running across Mission Street toward an elementary school. Two other males, including the driver Brandon Garcia, were stopped in a felony car stop in the parking lot of Bank of America in the 1600 block of Mission Street.

Responding officers, including the police K9, pursued Mr. Jimenez onto school property before arresting him a short time later. Officers had to temporarily restrict traffic at Bay and Seaside and Mission and Palm during the incident. It was later determined the third person in the vehicle was not connected to the armed robbery. He was subsequently released. Mr. Jimenez and Mr. Garcia were booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for armed robbery with additional gang charges. Photos will not be released pending photo lineups.

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.