



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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: April 9, 2012 – 1:20 am

LOCATION: Branciforte/Broadway

TOPIC: Loaded Firearm and Drug ARRESTS

CASE NUMBER: 12S-02894

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

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| 1. | Name: Jose Rameno | Arrested: ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| | DOB: 24 years-old | Charges: 11350, 25850, Warrant | |
| | Address: Santa Cruz Resident | | |
| 2. | Name: Ricardo Garcia | Arrested: ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| | DOB: 21 years-old | Charges: 11377(a), 12500 | |
| | Address: Santa Cruz Resident | | |
| 3. | Name: Jose Xilonzochilt-Chavez | Arrested: ☒ Yes | ☐ No |
| | DOB: 22 years-old | Charges: 11357, 466, 647(f) | |
| | Address: Santa Cruz Resident | | |
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INFORMATION: On April 9, 2012 at approximately 1:20 am, a Santa Cruz Police Department officer on routine patrol stopped a car for a vehicle code violation near the corner of Branciforte and Broadway. The officer determined that one of the passengers had a warrant. In addition, the officer could smell marijuana in the vehicle and saw a pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana. The three occupants were removed from the vehicle and the driver gave the officer permission to search the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle a loaded .22 caliber revolver was found within a backpack belonging to Jose Rameno. In addition, a knife, small amount of methamphetamine and suspected burglary tools were found within the car. The firearm was registered to someone not within the vehicle and officers are investigating how Mr. Rameno came in possession of the firearm. Officers ask that anyone with additional information contact the anonymous Tip Line, leave a tip via the iPhone app or on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com

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