

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: May 6, 2012 – 4:00 am LOCATION: 100 Block of High Street

TOPIC: Church Vandalism CASE NUMBER: 12S-03722

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Unknown Arrested: [] Yes [X] No

DOB: Unknown Charges: 594(B)(1), 594.3(A)

INFORMATION:

On May 6, 2012 at 6:50 am, Santa Cruz Police Department officers were dispatched to a felony vandalism that occurred to a church and church property in the 100 block of High Street. A custodian had come into work to find windows broken, spray paint on the doors and walls and damage to a statue and fountain area. It is believed the incident occurred at approximately 4:00 am.

The windows were broken with rocks, the fountain had been spray painted and had paint dripped around the perimeter, a statue was painted and another had some pieces broken. The suspect painted multiple anti-church slogans and symbols. In addition, the suspect damaged a video camera on church property. At this point investigators are working to determine if any video was captured before the camera was damaged.

Currently, there is no suspect information. Investigators are looking into the possibility of this being a hate crime. Investigators are asking anyone with additional information to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at 831.420.5820 or leave a tip via our mobile apps or on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com

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