



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

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: July 1, 2012 - 9:30 pm

LOCATION: Paul Minnie and Rodriguez St

TOPIC: Vehicle Pursuit/ Possession of Loaded Firearm **ARREST** **CASE NUMBER:** 12S-05524

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

- 1. Male Juvenile, 17 years-old, Santa Cruz County Resident**
 - 2800.1(a) vc-Evade Peace Officer
 - 22210 pc-Weapons Possession
 - 25400(c)(6)(a) pc- Gang member in possession of loaded firearm
 - 25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm
 - 186.22(a) pc-participate in street gang
 - 22510(b) pc- possession of switch blade

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- 3. Male Juvenile, 17 years-old, Watsonville Resident**
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 - 22210 pc-Weapons Possession
 - 25400(c)(6)(a) pc- Gang member in possession of loaded firearm
 - 25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm
 - 186.22(a) pc-participate in street gang

- 4. Uriel Ortiz, 18 years-old, Watsonville Resident**
 - 2800.1(a) vc-Evade Peace Officer
 - 22210 pc-Weapons Possession
 - 25400(c)(6)(a) pc- Gang member in possession of loaded firearm
 - 25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm
 - 186.22(a) pc-participate in street gang

- 5. Alberto Julian, 21 years-old, Watsonville Resident [driver of the vehicle]**
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 - 22210 pc-Weapons Possession
 - 25400(c)(6)(a) pc- Gang member in possession of loaded firearm
 - 25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm
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- 6. Juan Ruiz, 20 years-old, Santa Cruz County Resident**
 - 2800.1(a) vc-Evade Peace Officer
 - 22210 pc-Weapons Possession
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 - 25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm
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7. Carlos Zamora, 21 years-old, Watsonville Resident

2800.1(a) vc-Evade Peace Officer

22210 pc-Weapons Possession

25400(c)(6)(a) pc- Gang member in possession of loaded firearm

25800(a) pc- Carry Loaded firearm

186.22(a) pc-participate in street gang

INFORMATION: On Sunday July 1, 2012 at 9:30 pm, an officer from the Santa Cruz Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Soquel Ave and 7th Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The vehicle containing seven subjects initially stopped for the officer. Shortly thereafter, as the officer was exiting his vehicle, the driver accelerated away from the curb. A short vehicle pursuit ensued at approximately 50 mph into the County of Santa Cruz. Officers chased the vehicle into the area of Paul Minnie and Rodriguez Street where the vehicle came to a stop. All seven subjects were taken into custody without further incident. There were four adults and three juveniles inside the vehicle. All subjects were arrested for the above listed offenses. The three juveniles were booked into Juvenile Hall and the four adults were booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail. With the assistance of the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department, officers were able to locate a loaded .22 caliber revolver in the middle of the street near the final stop. The firearm was determined to be stolen out of Monterey County. Officers also found several other weapons inside the vehicle or on their person. The weapons included knives, bats, and clubs. All seven subjects were determined to be local gang members.

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