

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: Thursday, July 12, 2012—2:18 AM <u>LOCATION</u>: 100 Block Church Street

TOPIC: Attempted Arson <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 12S-05895

INVOLVED SUBJECT:

1. Suspect: Black male adult, mid to late 30's years of age, approximately 6'00", approximately 180 lbs, black hair wearing dark clothing and a backpack

INFORMATION:

On July 12, 2012 at approximately 2:18 am a Santa Cruz Police Department officer was flagged down regarding a possible attempted arson in the 100 block of Church Street. A witness had seen a male suspect in the fire corridor of a closed business. The suspect saw the witness and ran passed him saying "I'm sorry." The suspect rode off on a bicycle. The witness noticed smoke coming from a small storage area to the business. The fire was extinguished and the Santa Cruz Fire Department responded to investigate.

Police canvassed the area for the suspect. The suspect was not located. The suspect is described as a black male adult, mid to late 30's years of age, approximately 6'00", approximately 180 lbs, black hair wearing dark clothing and a backpack. The suspect rode away on a 10 speed bicycle. Citizens are urged to call 9-1-1 if they see anyone with similar descriptions. A sketch of the possible suspect is included with this press release.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire. It is unknown how much damage occurred to the building.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at: (831) 420-5820

To Leave ANONYMOUS information regarding this incident, please call our TIP LINE (831) 420-5995 or leave an anonymous tip on our website at www.santacruzpolice.com

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