



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: January 9, 2014

LOCATION: 117 Morrissey Blvd

TOPIC: Purse Snatch Robbery Suspect Arrested

CASE NUMBER: 14S-00094

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to announce the arrest of one suspect involved in the Purse Snatch Robbery from the Safeway store at 117 Morrissey.

The suspect is a 17 year old San Jose resident, attending Oak Grove High School in San Jose.



The power of social media and strong parenting came through on this one. The suspect's mother saw the images from our blog and recognized him as our suspect. Her son was living with his father at the time. Late last night, mom went straight to the home and retrieved her son. She drove him to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office and turned him in. Santa Clara County detained him until our officers could arrive and take custody.

Our detectives responded and interviewed the suspect, obtaining a full confession. The suspect would not identify his accomplices. The suspect explained his actions by say he was extremely high on marijuana and did not want to suffer the consequences of "coming down". He stole the purse with the intent of using any money to purchase more marijuana.