SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Saturday February 22, 2014 @ 2:30 am **LOCATION: 100 Walnut Ave**

TOPIC: Battery, Brandishing, Poss of a firearm & Hate Crime **CASE NUMBER: 14S-01362**

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: John Smith **Arrested: [X] Yes**

DOB: 9/17/75 **Charges: Battery, Brandishing, Poss of a firearm & Hate Crime**

Address: Taft, Ca.

VICTIM(S)

Adult Male

INFORMATION:

Early Saturday morning (2/22/14) at approximately 2:30 am, the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the 100 block of Walnut Ave for a fight involving 4 people, one of the involved had a knife.
Officers arrived and contacted a subject who reported he was talking with three males, and one of them punched him in the face. The victim explained while he was talking with the three males he asked for a ride home. One the males, later identified as John Smith punched him in the face and called him a racial epithet. Smith and the other two males got into a truck with a camper shell and left the area.
Officers located the truck a few blocks away. They contacted two subjects in the cab or f the truck, and located Smith lying in the truck bed. Smith and one other occupant were donning clothing and apparel indicating membership with the Hells Angels. During the investigation, a loaded 9mm pistol was located in the back of the truck along with a knife.
John Smith was booked into county jail for Battery, Brandishing, Possession of a firearm, and Hate Crime.

If anyone has any information regarding this case please call the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit @ (831) 420-5820.

For additional information, contact: Lt. Warren Barry **Phone: (831) 420-5859**

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

BY: Lt. Warren Barry **Authorized By: _____**

DATE: 2/22/14 **Date: _____**