SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Saturday February 22, 2014 @ 1pm **LOCATION: 600 Ocean St**

TOPIC: Battery on a Police Officer **CASE NUMBER: 14S-01377**

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Unknown **Arrested: No**

DOB: Approx... 25yrs **Charges: Battery on a Police Officer**

Address: Unknown

VICTIM(S)

Santa Cruz Police Officer

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department is looking for information leading to the identification of a man who interfered with a police investigation and assaulted an officer.

Saturday February 22, 2014, a patrol officer was with a male subject in the 600 block of Ocean St, when the suspect; described as a bald white male, wearing a black baseball cap (LobCity logo on the front), yellow shirt sleeve shirt, and blue jeans that were rolled up just below his knees, became involved. The suspect walked over to the person involved in the initial investigation and sat down next to him. The patrol officer told the suspect to step back and wait until he was done with his investigation.

The suspect walked away and came back a few minutes later, challenging the patrol officer. The suspect waived his arms, and began to clench both of his fists. As the suspect closed his distance between him and the patrol officer, the officer drew his Taser and told him to step back. The suspect took off his baseball cap and threw it at the officer, striking the officer's face. The suspect continued waiving his fists and challenged the officer. The officer responded by deploying his Taser. The Taser was unsuccessful and the subject retreated, fleeing the area on foot. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate him. Witnesses to the incident saw the suspect take off his shirt and get into a cream colored convertible PT Cruiser with an unknown license plate. He was last seen driving N/B Ocean St turning W/B Water St.

The officer received a small contusion to the face and did not receive medical attention.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking anyone with information regarding this case or any information leading to the suspect's identity, to call the Santa Cruz Police Investigation Section at (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: _____**