



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: October 9, 2014

LOCATION: 117 Post Street

TOPIC: Arrest for Brandishing Replica Firearm & Threats

CASE NUMBER: 14S-08381

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police arrested Mr. Arthur Bischoff for brandishing a replica firearm and making threats to a co-worker at a local vending machine company at 117 Post Street. The police department blocked off several street streets around the business and used a reverse 9-1-1 directory to warn residents and businesses to “shelter in place” until the incident was resolved.

The incident began at approximately 12:00 Noon, when employees of the business called to report that Mr. Bischoff brandished a handgun and made threats to coworkers. The workers self-evacuated from the business and called 9-1-1. Mr. Bischoff was left behind at the business, where he also resides. According to witnesses, Mr. Bischoff was upset about his personal property being destroyed by the business, which consisted of drug paraphernalia.

Officers were able to set a perimeter and surround the building. A team of SWAT-trained officers were assembled into a contact team to locate and secure Mr. Bischoff. Mr. Bischoff surrendered to the officers without incident. The replica firearm was recovered. The replica firearm is an HK (Heckler & Koch) brand bb gun made to look exactly like an actual HK brand handgun. The fluorescent orange barrel tip had been removed from the gun. (A photo is attached to this release)

Mr. Bischoff is a 60 year old Santa Cruz resident. He was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on charges of Brandishing a Replica Firearm and Criminal Threats.

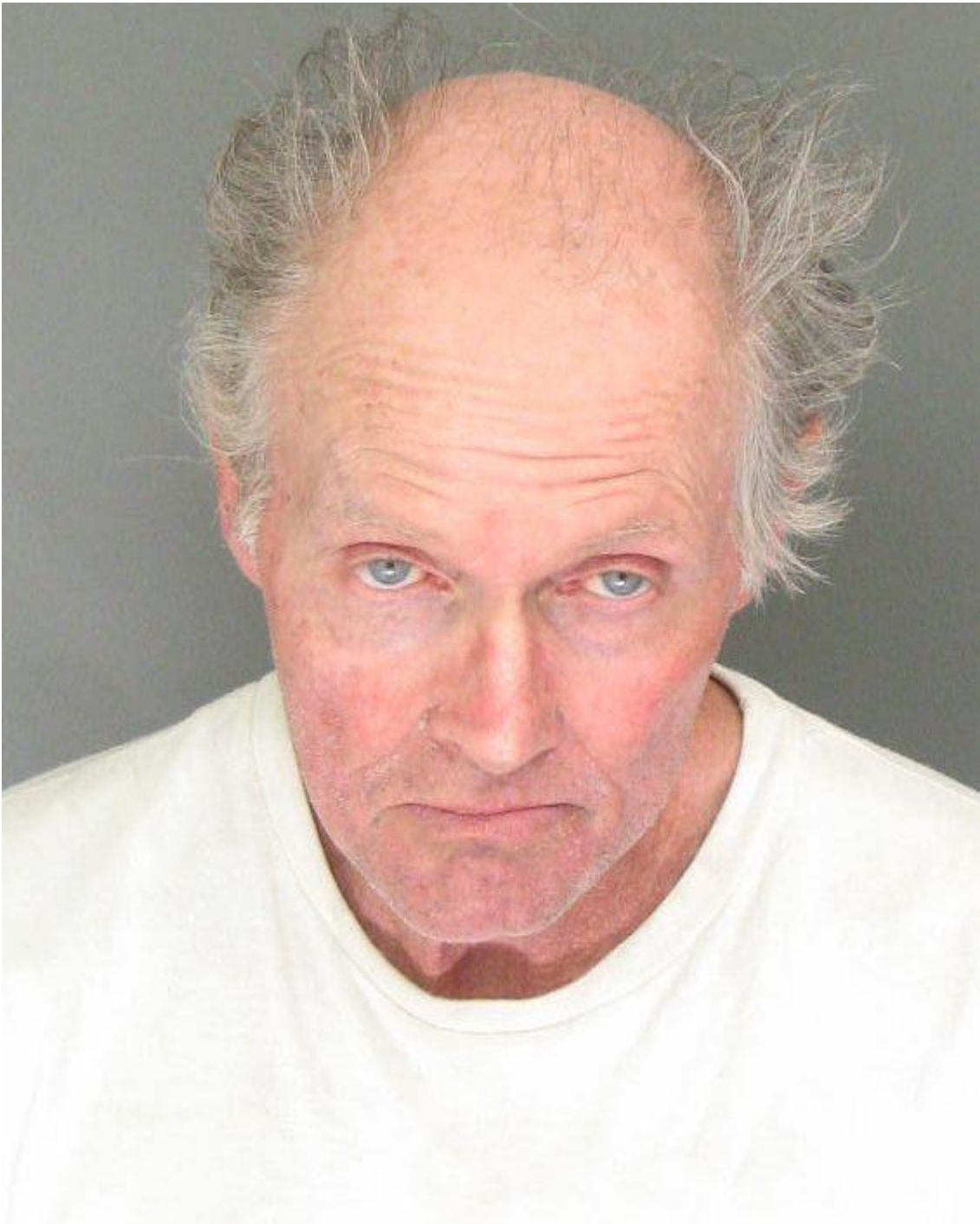
Traffic was snarled through the Harvey West business area for approximately 1 hour until officers were able to ensure the area was secure and safe for travel. Once secure, the roads were reopened to regular traffic.

For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark

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Arthur Bischoff



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