



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** October 23, 2014    **LOCATION:** Harbor High School – 300 La Fonda Ave

**TOPIC:** Replica Firearm on Campus    **CASE NUMBER:** 14S-08769

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### **INFORMATION:**

On Thursday October 23, 2014, Santa Cruz Police responded to Harbor High School in Santa Cruz on a report of a student found with replica firearms on campus.

The 14 year old freshman student was found with two replica firearms in a backpack. The replica firearms were actually bb guns. Both were very realistic in appearance and both lacked an orange safety tip as required by law. One firearm was a replica of a Walther PPK semi-automatic firearm, and the other was a replica Colt 25 semi-automatic handgun. Photos attached.

The student's motivation for bringing the replica firearms on campus is unclear and still being explored by the police department.

The student was cited for a misdemeanor violation of 626.10(a)(1) of the Penal Code – Possession of Weapons on a School Campus. He was released to his father.

The presence of these weapons on campus was brought to the attention of school staff by another student. This is the second such recent incident where students have been empowered to care for the safety of their campus and took appropriate steps to address a serious safety concern. Again, this underscores the importance of the relationship and full cooperation between Santa Cruz City Schools and the Police Department's School Resource Officer working together to ensure the safety of students and staff in our city schools.

The police department worked with Santa Cruz City Schools staff to ensure appropriate notification of this incident to school parents.

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