



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** November 19, 2014

**LOCATION:** Santa Cruz High School

**TOPIC:** Threat to High School Campus

**CASE NUMBER:** 14S-09567

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### **INFORMATION:**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating an email threat targeting Santa Cruz High School. The police department consulted with Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent, Kris Monroe, and the decision was made to close the campus for today (Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>) while the police department continued to investigate.

The email came to light at around 8:45 p.m. last night (Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>). The email was sent to the Santa Cruz High School Principal and contained specific threats in terms of time, place and manner of attack. The email indicated an intention to create a mass casualty situation with students and staff at the campus. There were not any specific names targeted in the email. To protect the integrity of the investigation, we are not releasing the specific content of the email.

Our detectives worked throughout the night with sophisticated software tools to assess the threat and analyze the information. Thus far, we have not been able to invalidate the threat or determine the origin of the email. Our detectives are working to dissect the encryption used to send the email and identify the sender. We are using every available means including consulting with our Federal partners in an attempt to analyze the threat and email origins.

The safety of students and staff at our school campuses is of paramount concern, and that will be the guiding principle in assessing further action. We will continue to brief the Superintendent on the progress of our investigation.

We have verified that the threat is isolated to Santa Cruz High School and no other campuses have received such a threat. In spite of this, the police department will have additional officers on patrol at each of our school campuses throughout the day as we continue to assess the situation.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is encouraging anyone with information to contact our Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820. Individuals can send anonymous tips to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; [www.santacruzpolice.com](http://www.santacruzpolice.com). Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

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