



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME: March 12, 2015/ 12:00 pm**    **LOCATION: 300 La Fonda, Harbor High School**

**TOPIC: Bomb Threat, Possession of Stolen Property**    **CASE NUMBER: 15S-02145**

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**INFORMATION:**

On Thursday March 12, 2015 at approximately 12:00 pm, the Santa Cruz Regional 911 Center received a call regarding a bomb on the Harbor High Campus. The Santa Cruz Police Department immediately responded and collaborated with the staff at Harbor High School and Santa Cruz City School District staff to investigate the threat and make the campus safe.

School Staff decided it was in the best interest of the safety of the students and faculty that the campus be evacuated. The Santa Cruz Police Department fully supported this decision and assisted with the evacuations. Parents were contacted, advised of the situation, and asked to pick up their kids. A safety check of the campus for explosive devices was conducted by Harbor High Staff, the Santa Cruz Police Department, and the Santa Cruz Fire Department by approximately 3:00 pm. No suspicious devices were found.

During the investigation, a witness came forward that witnessed the suspect make the 911 call to the Santa Cruz Regional 911 Center and dispose of the cell phone into a garbage can after the call was made. The call was made from the Harbor High Campus. The cell phone used to make the call was stolen from a fellow student earlier in the day. The cell phone was ultimately recovered in a garbage can on the Harbor High Campus. The witness was able to identify the suspect responsible for the bomb threat.

At approximately 6:45 pm, the Santa Cruz Police Department's Neighborhood Enforcement Team went to the suspect's residence in the County of Santa Cruz and placed him under arrest. The suspect was home with his mother. Nothing at the residence indicated the suspect had the equipment to carry out his threat. The suspect was booked into Juvenile Hall for possession of stolen property (the cell phone), and making a false bomb threat; both misdemeanors.

**Suspect: 14 year old male, Harbor High Student, resident of Santa Cruz County.**

The Santa Cruz Police Department, the Harbor High Staff, and the Santa Cruz City School District would like to commend the witness (a fellow student) who came forward and did the right thing, by providing law enforcement with the necessary information to solve this case.

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