



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** April 21, 2015/ 9:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Monterey County Jail

**TOPIC:** Mrs. Doubtfire Bank Robbery-Arrest Made

**CASE NUMBER:** 15S-02816

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**Background:**

On Friday April 3, 2015 at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the report of a bank robbery at 110 Morrissey Blvd. Upon our arrival, the suspect had fled north on Morrissey Blvd and had gotten away with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect had used a note demanding money and no weapon was seen. Nobody inside the bank was injured. Capitola PD and the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department assisted in the search of the suspect but to no avail.

On the same day approximately 1 hour before the bank robbery, the same suspect was in the Rabo Bank located at 3110 Mission Dr in the county. The suspect was acting suspicious and contacted by bank employees. It appears that the same suspect was possibly casing the bank. When the bank employees contacted the suspect they were surprised to see that although the suspect was dressed like a female, the suspect was actually a male.

**Information:**

On Monday April 20, 2015 at approximately 1:25 p.m. the Carmel Police Department stopped a subject in a vehicle that was a person of interest in a series of vehicle burglaries in the City of Carmel. Carmel PD detained a subject identified as Brandon Calantoc. Upon the search of Calantoc's vehicle numerous items of drug paraphernalia and narcotics were located, as well as numerous pieces of stolen mail out of the Carmel Post Office. Calantoc was also in possession of stolen credit cards and identifying information from multiple victims in Monterey County.

During the course of the search of Calantoc's vehicle, items of evidence were found inside the vehicle that connected Calantoc to the bank robbery on Friday April 3, 2015 in the City of Santa Cruz as well as the incident at Rabo Bank in the County of Santa Cruz. Carmel PD found a purse and a locket that matched the items shown in the original photos from the bank robbery sent out to other law enforcement agencies, and Carmel PD recognized the items. Carmel PD immediately contacted Santa Cruz PD.

Santa Cruz PD Detectives responded to Carmel. The items of evidence related to the bank robbery were collected. Calantoc was initially booked into the Monterey County Jail on Monday April 20, 2015 on the fresh charges as result of the Carmel PD investigation. Just prior to Calantoc's release from custody on his own recognizance, Santa Cruz PD Detectives responded to the Monterey County Jail on Tuesday April 21, 2015 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Just as Calantoc was released from the custody of Monterey County, Santa Cruz PD Detectives took Calantoc into custody on multiple charges.

**Calantoc was booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail for robbery, the enhancement of wearing a disguise while committing the robbery, and committing a felony while out on bail. Calantoc was out on bail from Monterey County for two counts of burglary, possession of stolen property, theft of access card data, possession of burglary tools, and conspiracy. Calantoc was also arrested for the attempted robbery at the Rabo Bank in the County of Santa Cruz. Calantoc's bail was set at \$600,000 for both separate incidents.**

**The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to thank the community for their effort in trying to identify the suspect. We would also like to thank the Carmel Police Department for their collaboration in this case.**

**Suspect: Brandon Calantoc, 31 years old, Sand City resident. See booking photo below.**

**For additional information, contact: Lieutenant Bernie Escalante**

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