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MEDIA RELEASE



Incident

DATE/TIME: 8/31/2015 @ pm 3:38 LOCATION: 74 River Street

<u>TOPIC</u>: Bank Robbery & Suspect Arrested <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 15S-07645

INFORMATION:

On August 31, 2015, at approximately 3:38 PM, Santa Cruz Police responded to a report of a robbery at Wells Fargo Bank on 74 River Street.

The suspect walked into the bank and threatened a bank employee. The bank robber repeated multiple times to the bank employee "This is a robbery." and demanded cash. The bank teller in fear for their safety turned over the cash to the suspect.

A bank security guard on duty approached the suspect and ordered the suspect to sit down while still in the bank. The bank robber then complied with the request and sat down in a lobby chair. The guard was able to detain the suspect until police arrived. No one was injured in the robbery. The bank robber did not present a weapon.

The suspect robber, Donald Brewster surrendered without incident and was booked into jail for the bank robbery. Mr. Brewster did not have a weapon in his possession.

Donald Brewster is a 62 year old, transient. Mr. Brewster was found in possession of the exact amount of cash taken during the robbery. Additionally, Mr. Brewster was identified as the robber by witnesses. Detectives also obtained bank video capturing the robbery.

Photo of suspect Donald Brewster is on the following page.

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