



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: Thursday July 14, 2016

LOCATION: 800 block of River Street

TOPIC: Arson and Vandalism Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 16S-05878

INFORMATION:

On Wednesday July 13, 2016 at around 7:06 pm, Santa Cruz Police were responded a report of vandalism occurring at a business on the 800 block of River Street. Witness reported seeing a male suspect smashing windows with a baseball bat. Investigating Officers found a locked fence surrounding the building but could hear loud banging coming from inside the business.

A perimeter was set up around the building. Officers attempted to communicate with the suspect inside through a loud speaker. Officers advised the suspect several times to come out with his hands up. During this communication, the suspect could be seen moving around inside the establishment. The subject then lit the business on fire with fireworks and fled out a back door.

An SCPD officer saw the suspect exit and with assistance from other officers detained Jarawa Singh, 29 years old transient from Santa Cruz.

As officers were dealing with Mr. Singh on the south side of the building, another team of SCPD officers began to clear the building, but eventually had to exit due to heavy smoke from a fire inside. Fire crews then entered the building and extinguished a fire inside that had been set by Mr. Singh.

Damage to the building and equipment inside the business is estimated to be in the \$100,000 range.

Jorawar Singh was arrested for arson, burglary, and vandalism and resisting arrest
Photo attached.

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Photo of Jorawar Singh

