



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME: October 21, 2016**

**LOCATION: Kansas City, Missouri**

**TOPIC: Murder Suspect In Custody**

**CASE NUMBER: 16S-08100**

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **Kasey Gaskell was located and taken into custody in Kansas City, Missouri**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is announcing the arrest of Kasey Gaskell, the suspect in the 9/26/16 homicide of Shannon Magner as Kasey Gaskell, 43 years old from Santa Cruz. The Kansas City Police Department arrested Mr. Gaskell without incident last night. Kansas City Police notified Santa Cruz Police immediately afterwards at approximately midnight Friday October 21, 2016. Kasey Gaskell was located at a homeless shelter in Kansas City, Missouri.

Santa Cruz Police issued a special press release yesterday on 10/20/16 notifying the media and public in the region that SCPD had been tracking Mr. Gaskell's movements. His last known location as of 09/23/2016 was Kansas City, KS. It was believed that Mr. Gaskell may have been travelling toward the Green Bay/Greenleaf area of Wisconsin.

Shortly after the press release on 10/20/2016, a call was made to the Kansas City Police Department that a person matching Kasey Gaskell's description at a local homeless shelter. The tipster had just seen Gaskell's picture shown on a news broadcast. The arrest was a direct result of that tip.

The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to give special thanks to the Kansas City Police Department for their assistance and the media outlets for sharing the information and the public. Because of the public's help, law enforcement was able to arrest a fugitive who has been on the lam since 9/21/16.



**Kasey Gaskell, 43 years old from Santa Cruz  
Suspect wanted in Homicide discovered 09/26/2016**

**Background:**

On Monday September 26, 2016 at 4:59 a.m., Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to report of a deceased female in an apartment in the 800 block of Front Street. SCPD Detectives responded to investigate and determined the death to be a murder.

The victim, Shannon Magner, 66 years old, is the suspect's mother. She was discovered in the apartment rented by Kasey Gaskell. It is believed she was killed on 09/21/2016. An arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Gaskell in connection with the homicide.

At that time, it was believed that Mr. Gaskell fled the area. SCPD Detectives tracked Mr. Gaskell's movements after the murder. His last known location as of 09/23/2016 was Kansas City, KS. It was believed that Mr. Gaskell may have been travelling toward the Green Bay/Greenleaf area of Wisconsin when the trail went cold. SCPD Detectives are actively pursuing leads as to his whereabouts. The motive is still undetermined.

The Santa Cruz Police Department and the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office requested the assistance of the FBI in an effort to locate Kasey Gaskell. A Federal Warrant for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution has been requested.

Anyone with information about Kasey Gaskell's location is encouraged to call 9-1-1, your local Police or Sheriff's Department or your local FBI Office.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relative to this case to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820. Tipsters can also leave an anonymous tip via the methods below.

**Surveillance photo from ATM of Kasey Gaskell**



Appliance: AU 00532 Santa Cruz  
Camera: 9: WFS ATM 00224  
Time: 09/25/2016 7:11:32 AM

**Kasey Gaskell, 43 years old (04/02/1973) from Santa Cruz  
Suspect wanted in Homicide discovered 09/26/2016**

**For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke**

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Anonymous tips can also be sent 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.