



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: January 30, 2017

LOCATION: Downtown Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Bike Bait Operation Arrest Five **CASE NUMBER: 17S-00668, 17S- 00673, 17S-00681
17S-00686, 17S- 00687**

INFORMATION:

On January 27th and January 28th, 2017 the Santa Cruz Police Department Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) and the Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted a collaborative bait bike operation. A police bait bike was placed in various locations throughout the downtown area to see if any suspected bicycle thieves would take the bait. Within several minutes, local thieves tried to steal the bait bike.

Ladonia Miller, 40 years old, a transient male from Santa Cruz was seen stealing the bicycle and arrested for grand theft as well as possession of methamphetamine.

Michael France, 30 years old, a transient male from Santa Cruz found in possession of the bicycle and arrested for grand theft.

Terry Ford, 42 years old, a Santa Cruz resident was seen stealing the bicycle and arrested for grand theft and a probation violation.

Shad Stephens, 37 years old, a transient male from Santa Cruz was seen stealing the bicycle and arrested for grand theft, a probation violation and possession of multiple controlled substances for sale.

Derek Marquette, 40 years old, a transient male from Santa Cruz was found in possession of the bicycle and arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of multiple controlled substances for sale.

Mugshot photos attached.

Bicycle theft is an ongoing issue that affects so many residents of Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz Police Department is committed to addressing bike theft. The Neighborhood Enforcement Team conducts ongoing operations in direct response to the needs of the community.

The Santa Cruz Police Department recovers hundreds of bikes every year, but since many are unregistered by serial number, the police have no way to track down the owners. Improve the chances your bicycle gets returned by registering it for FREE on Santa Cruz Police Department's online bicycle registration program. <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/bicycle-license-registration>
Residents can also register their bikes FREE at the police department.

ABOUT SCPD

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is committed to working in partnership with the community to enhance public safety, prevent crime, enforce laws and protect the rights of all people through innovative problem-solving approaches. A progressive, professional organization, SCPD officers are dedicated to conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards and the department is accountable to the community. SCPD has 94 sworn officers and 29 civilian staff to protect and serve Santa Cruz's 64,000 residents and millions of annual visitors. Learn more at www.santacruzpolice.com, <http://santacruzpolice.blogspot.com>, or via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#)

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