



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: April 20, 2017

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Lewd Acts with a Minor – Arrest Made

CASE NUMBER: 17S- 02600

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police Detectives are investigating a criminal complaint of statutory rape of a 14-year-old female. According to the reporting party, the 14-year-old victim disclosed that 20-year-old Shawn Cox had sex with her several times over a two week period.

The investigation led to the arrest of:

Shawn Michael Cox – 20 years old, Santa Cruz Resident (Photo on Page 2)

Mr. Cox met the female juvenile via a social media site. Both Mr. Cox and the female juvenile had a consensual sexual relationship over the two week period until the female juvenile and her family came forward to law enforcement about the relationship. Mr. Cox knew that the female juvenile was only in middle school when the relationship began.

The Santa Cruz Police Department Detectives used a ruse to set up a meeting with Mr. Cox. When Mr. Cox arrived at the designated meeting location, SCPD arrested him for several felony crimes.

As a result of extensive interviews with associates of Mr. Cox, Santa Cruz Police located an additional female juvenile victim.

Detectives are continuing to follow up on the case to determine if there are additional victims. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820.

Mr. Cox was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on sexual intercourse with a minor, oral copulation with a minor, and digital penetration with a minor, sodomy. His bail amount was \$150,000.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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