



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: July 5, 2017

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Santa Cruz Police July 4th, 2017 Overview

INFORMATION:

City of Santa Cruz JULY 4th, 2017 Overview, Statistics and Cases of Interest

Throughout the 4th of July weekend, the Santa Cruz Police Department provided 100% full-staffing for proactive and preventative enforcement of the citywide Safety Enhancement Zone. This 4th of July holiday falling on a Tuesday brought slightly smaller crowds to the Main Beach and throughout the City of Santa Cruz. Traffic was steady and at times gridlocked coming into town during the weekend and 4th of July.

Calls for Service - The Santa Cruz Police responded to 467 calls for service on July 4th. Between the hours of 4:00 pm and 12:45 am, SCPD patrol and the special detail teams handled 288 calls for service. Out of those 288 calls, 104 were fireworks related.

1 Felony Arrest

7 Fireworks Arrests – Fireworks possession and discharging fireworks.

5 Misdemeanor Arrests- Most misdemeanor arrests were for being drunk in public.

58 Infractions Citations Issued- Majority of the citations were for open container.

41 Triple Fine Citations- Citations were mostly alcohol and fireworks related.

15 Traffic citations

Both Eastside and Westside neighborhoods were impacted by incidents of fireworks violations. All available Santa Cruz Police resources were in service throughout our community. Officers responded directly to areas where aerial fireworks were seen and reported.

Cases of Interest

17S-05367: SCPD Officer was in the vicinity of the 500 block of Palm Street when he witnessed subjects launch a large aerial firework. Diego Cruz Alvarez was cited and released for possession of Dangerous Fireworks. Several fireworks were collected and booked at the SCPD.

Photo attached

17S-05378: Several officers were dispatched to Seabright Avenue and Windsor Street regarding a hit and run accident. The driver of a Toyota sedan crashed into a parked van. The suspect driver of the sedan crashed and fled on foot. SCPD Officers responded and quickly located Jack Waldman on Frederick Street. Mr. Waldman, 18 years old, was arrested for DUI and hit and run charges.

Photo attached.

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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. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

Photo:

Confiscated fireworks



Photo:

17S-05378 Vehicles in Hit and Run

