



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: February 21, 2018

LOCATION: Bayview Elementary School

TOPIC: School Threat Case

CASE NUMBER: 18S-01388

INFORMATION:

Student In Threatening Behavior Incident Safely Removed From School

Santa Cruz, CA. - On Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at approximately 2:20 pm, Santa Cruz Police officers were called to Bayview Elementary School regarding a student's aggressive behavior in the classroom. An 11-year-old male student physically acted out causing concern. Educators followed established protocol and guided students from the room to safety awaiting police arrival. The Santa Cruz Police Department arrived within minutes and detained the student who had barricaded himself in the classroom. The student was safely removed from school, and transported to a care facility.

Further investigation revealed the 5th-grade student planned to harm specific students. The student's family is cooperating with investigators and school administrators. Santa Cruz Police recovered and secured one firearm from the child's home.

The police department worked with school administrators to provide notification of the incident to parents and staff. This case underscores the importance of the working relationship and full cooperation between Santa Cruz City Schools and the Police. The police School Resource Officer is there to ensure the safety of students and staff in our city schools. We are thankful the situation was resolved as quickly and safely as possible, without injury to students or staff.

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