



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** October 9, 2018

**LOCATION:** 1100 block of River Street

**TOPIC:** Help Identify Vandal & Arson Suspect

**CASE NUMBER:** 18S-06344 & 18S-06392

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **Santa Cruz Police and Fire Seeking Public's Help to Identify Arson Suspect**

The Santa Cruz Police are seeking the public's help to identify a suspect in the attached photos. This suspect is responsible for felony vandalism at the Tannery Arts Center, and setting two small fires in some nearby landscaping.

On August 22, 2018, around 4:44 a.m., Santa Cruz Police and Fire responded to 1100 block of River Street following the report of a small, suspicious fire within a landscaped area, across from the Tannery Arts Center. Santa Cruz Fire personnel arrived shortly after and found two small fires within the planted area. These small fires were quickly extinguished and caused only minor damage to the ground cover.

While conducting follow-up investigation into the suspicious fires, police investigators were advised of a felony vandalism that had occurred within the Tannery Arts Center complex, at about the same time. Detectives were able to recover several security videos from the surrounding area, and upon viewing them, were able to confirm the same unidentified male suspect was responsible for both crimes.

The suspect seen in these videos is described as being a male adult with a medium to thin build.

Santa Cruz Police and Fire investigators have been unable to positively identify this male suspect, and are hoping someone from the community will recognize the suspect, and come forward with information.

Anyone with information on the identity of the individual or details surrounding this incident contact Detective Pendleton at 831-420-5832 or email [spendleton@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:spendleton@cityofsantacruz.com); Investigations Unit 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

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

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