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TOPIC: Santa Cruz Police Provides Transparent Online Access to Released SB-1421 Records

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police Implement Online Access of Released SB-1421 Records to the Public

In 2018, the California Legislature passed SB-1421, The Right To Know Act, which gives the public the right to see records regarding police misconduct and uses of force resulting in major injury or death. The Santa Cruz Police Department has prepared for these incoming record requests for release.

The Santa Cruz Police Department makes every effort to enhance public trust within our community and continues to do so by working steadily to fulfill requests received under the new provisions of SB-1421.

In effect as of January 1, 2019, SB-1421 allows the public to use the California Public Records Act to unseal internal investigation of peace officer personnel files related to the following:

- Records of officer discharging a firearm;
- Records of officer use of force that results in death or great bodily injury;
- Records of sustained incidents involving sexual assault against a member of the public; and
- Records of sustained incidents of dishonesty.

The Santa Cruz Police Internal Affairs Office provides the relevant documents (with redactions for victim or witness privacy). Information on citizen complaints and findings of misconduct investigations is also available.

Records of the Sean Arlt Officer Involved Shooting investigation is attainable on the department's website Transparency Portal. Providing access to information online keeps residents informed and maintains accountability in line with the Santa Cruz Police Department's transparency initiatives.

All Santa Cruz Police disclosures of SB-1421 records are published on www.santacruzpolice.com under the [Transparency Portal](#) tab to ensure that information is accessible for review by members of the public and media outlets.

Check back as we add more information in the future.

[City of Santa Cruz Public Records Request Form](#)
[Senate Bill No. 1421](#)

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.

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