



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: Tuesday January 29, 2019

TOPIC: Suspect Apprehended

LOCATION: Santa Cruz Police Department

CASE NUMBER: 19S-00576

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Dennis Wells

Arrested: YES

DOB: 6/8/1992

Charges: 245 P.C. & 664/187

Address: Unknown

VICTIM(S):

INFORMATION:

Suspect Dennis Wells has been located and is now in police custody. Mr. Wells is currently being booked for Assault with a Deadly Weapon & Attempted Murder.

Today January 29, 2019 at approximately 1pm the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office received information Mr. Wells was possibly in the area of Thurber Ave and Soquel Dr. Upon the information received, Sheriff Deputies determined the suspect was inside a house a few blocks away, on Sequoia Dr. Santa Cruz.

Law Enforcement officers from both agencies surrounded the house, and the Santa Cruz Police Department attempted to make contact with Mr. Wells. During this time Mr. Wells, surrendered to officers outside of the residence peacefully and without incident.

The Santa Cruz Police department greatly appreciates the community's help in providing information surrounding this case.

History:

On January 25, 2019 @ 11:21pm, the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to a stabbing that occurred on Pacific Ave, near the intersection of Maple St. Officers located 2 different victims, who sustained life threatening injuries. One of the victims sustained an injury to his head, and the other victim received an injury to his neck. Both were transported to trauma centers in the San Jose area for treatment. At this time of this press release both victims are being treated. The full extent of their injuries are currently unknown.

Santa Cruz Police Investigations Section processed the scene, reviewed security footage, and interviewed witnesses. With the assistance of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, and further interviews with the victims, Dennis Wells was identified as the suspect in this case. A warrant was issued for Mr. Wells' arrest charging him with Assault with Deadly Weapon and Attempted Murder.

The Santa Cruz Police Department urges anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information, to call our Investigations Section @ 831.420.5820.

If you want to make an anonymous call regarding the incident, please call 831.420.5995

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