



# SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



## MEDIA RELEASE

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, March 19, 2020

**LOCATION:** 100 Block of Church St

**TOPIC:** Attempted Robbery-Knife

**CASE NUMBER:** 20S-01785

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### INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. **Name:** Jesse Tapia **DOB:** 33 **Arrested:** Yes **Charges:** Attempted Armed Robbery

**VICTIM(S):** County of Santa Cruz resident-48 year old male,

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### INFORMATION

On Thursday March 19, 2020 a 48 year old male was retrieving money from an ATM in the 100 block of Church St. While he was standing in front of the ATM, he was approached by a subject who was brandishing a 5 inch knife. While holding the knife, the subject called out for the victim's money. The victim feared for their safety and began to walk away from the subject. The subject started to follow the victim for a short time. The victim fled and reported the crime to the Santa Cruz Police Department.

During the investigation, the Santa Cruz Police Department with the help from outside agencies were able to identify the subject. Further follow-up and interviews led to the identification and arrest of Jesse Tapia. Mr. Tapia was currently out of custody and was on pre trail release, from a previous arrest in Santa Cruz County. On Thursday March 26, 2020, Mr. Tapia was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for 664/211 Attempted Robbery.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit (831) 420-5820.

**For additional information, contact: Lt. Warren Barry**

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