



# SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



## MEDIA RELEASE

**DATE/TIME:** June 9, 2021                      **LOCATION:** 2100 block of Delaware Ave.  
**TOPIC:** Recovered Stolen Property      **CASE NUMBER:** 21S-02889

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### INFORMATION

In April 2021, Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) Detectives were contacted by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Detectives regarding a theft case where approximately two million dollars in musical equipment and personal belongings were stolen from a storage unit in Marina Del Rey, California. The burglary discovered in July 2020. In August of 2020, LAPD, Lompoc PD, Redondo Beach PD, and Hawthorne PD arrested several subjects connected with this case and through the course of the investigation learned some of the victim's stolen property was being sold in Santa Cruz through a legitimate online website identified as Reverb.com. SCPD Detectives picked up the case and were able to develop information regarding the possible suspects and locations of where the stolen items were located.

On Tuesday, June 9, 2021, SCPD Detectives, with the assistance from members of the Santa Cruz Police Neighborhood Policing Team and Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team, served search warrants at three different locations within the City of Santa Cruz. The searches included two residences associated to a warehouse located in the 2100 block of Delaware Ave. After all three properties were searched, nine (9) stolen vintage guitars were recovered. The guitars ranged in value from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000 each, with a combined recovery total of \$225,000.00. The guitars consisted of the following make and model:

1958 Gretsch Country Club  
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1960 Gretsch Chet Atkins  
1959 Rickenbacker Capri  
Rickenbacker 12 string  
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Gibson Chet Atkins Classical Electric  
Fender Stratocaster limited release  
Hofner 500 Bass

No arrests have been made at this time as it remains unclear how the stolen property came into the possession of subjects associated to the searches. Detectives are actively following up on this case and ask that anyone with information about this case to contact Santa Cruz Police

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Department Detective Trevor Kendall at (831) 420-5963 or leave information on the Crime Tip Line at (831) 420-5995.



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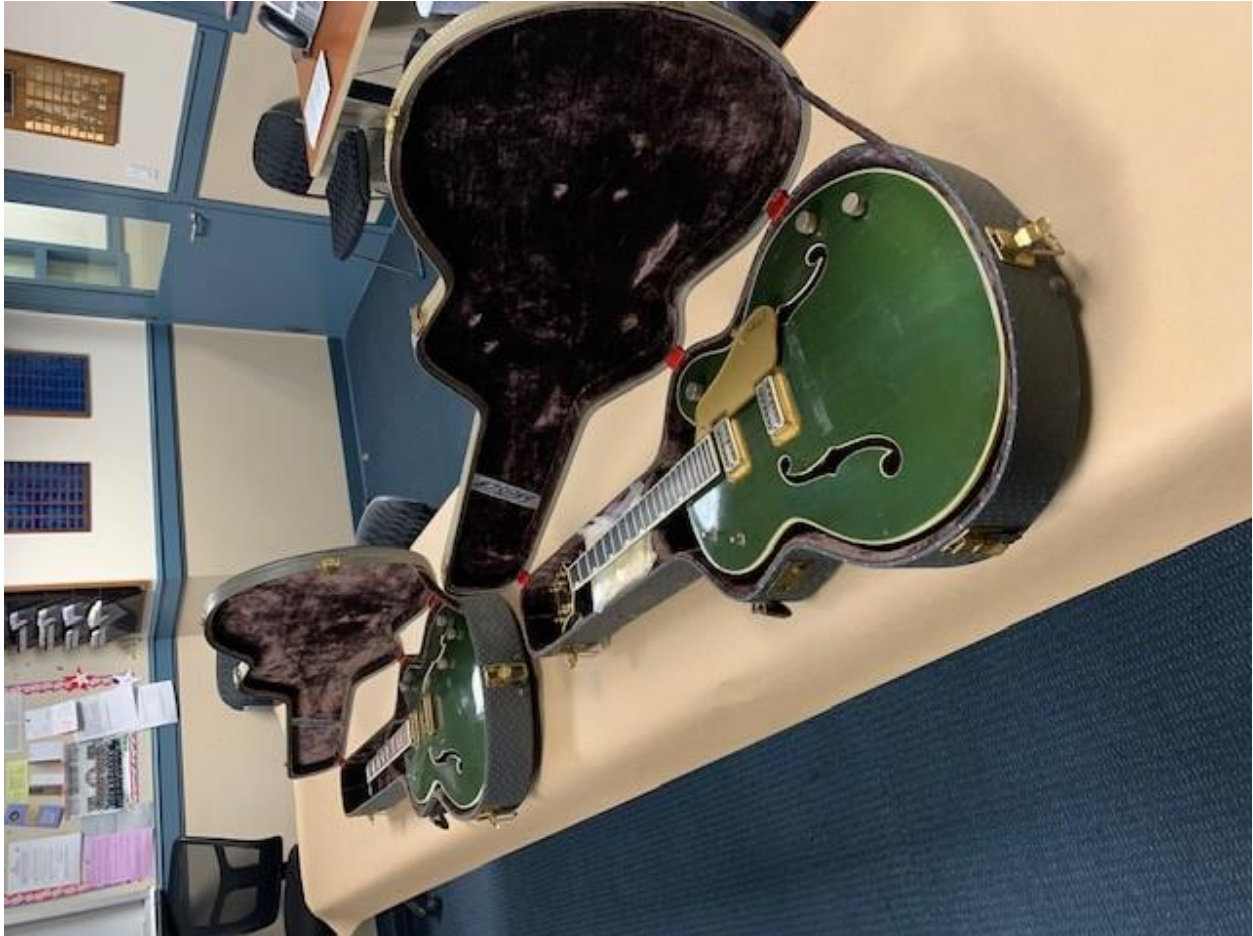


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