



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: October 4, 2021

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz & San Mateo County

TOPIC: Firearms and Narcotics Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 21S-06007

INFORMATION

On Sunday, October 3, 2021, the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) served a search warrant in San Mateo County. This warrant was part of an ongoing investigation initiated from a high-risk traffic stop in the City of Santa Cruz on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The high-risk stop happened at approximately 2:20 am on 10/2/2021 when SCPD responded to reports of a brandished firearm.

Patrolling officers quickly located the suspect's vehicle and conducted a high-risk traffic stop. The driver and passenger both residents of San Mateo County were arrested. During the search of the car, officers located and seized two self-manufactured rifles, an unregistered and loaded Sig Sauer 9mm handgun, 32.5 grams of cocaine, 15.6 grams of methamphetamine, along with scales and packaging for selling controlled substances.

The driver and passenger were each arrested for:

11351 H&S: Possession of a Controlled Substance with an intent to sell

11370.1(a) H&S: Possession of a controlled substance while armed

25400(a) (1) PC: Carry Concealed Weapon in Vehicle

30605(a) PC: Possession of an Assault Weapon

24610 PC: Possession of an undetectable firearm

The driver was also booked for 148(a) (1) PC- resisting arrest.

Based on the increased risk associated with serving a warrant related to firearms and narcotics, SCPD Tactical Team worked with the San Mateo County Sheriff's SWAT. During the residential search, officers recovered nearly 1 pound of cocaine and evidence of the sale and transporting of controlled substances.

This remains an active investigation with the SCPD Investigations Unit.

"It is a testament to SCPD's dedication to eliminating illegal guns and drugs from our community," said Chief Andy Mills. "Dedicated patrol officers and detectives worked swiftly and efficiently in this operation for our citizen's safety and overall quality of life in Santa Cruz."

Photos attached.

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Photo of firearms and items
recovered from vehicle



Photo Cocaine recovered in Loma Mar residence



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