



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: Nov. 8, 2021 @ 1500 hrs.

LOCATION: Bellevue @ SC Coastal Trail

TOPIC: Robbery Arrest

CASE NUMBER: 21S-06829

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

Arrested:

Name: Jordan Howard **Age:** 34 **Arrested:** Yes **Charges:** Robbery-False Imprisonment

INFORMATION

On November 8, 2021, at approximately 1500 hours, Santa Cruz Police were dispatched to Bellevue at the Railroad tracks in response to a juvenile (10 years of age) who had been robbed of their bicycle. While officers responded to the scene, additional officers began a search for the suspect.

Through their investigation, officers learned that the juvenile victim was riding her bike home from school, with two other juveniles, when they were approached by the male suspect along The Santa Cruz Coastal Trail near Bellevue St. The suspect blocked the path of the juveniles, demanded that one of them relinquish their bicycle (which they complied), and then fled on the stolen bike. The victims were uninjured and reunited with their parents.

An immediate search was conducted; however, officers were unable to locate the suspect and the case was turned over to the Investigations Division, where immediate follow-up and victim services were provided.

The following day (November 9, 2021), an on-duty Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation worker, who had previously seen a photo of the stolen bicycle on social media, spotted a subject with the stolen bike under the Soquel Av Bridge along the east river levee. The Parks and Rec worker notified SCPD Dispatch, and officers responded and made contact with the subject in possession of the victim's stolen bike. This subject, identified as Jordan Howard, matched the description of the robbery suspect. Howard was taken into custody and eventually confessed to the robbery when interviewed by officers.

Howard, a Santa Cruz transient, was subsequently booked into county jail on charges of robbery (211 PC) and false imprisonment (236 PC). The charge of false imprisonment stems from blocking the victim's ability to ride past the suspect freely. The stolen bike was returned to the victim.

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